



## HIGH TIDE



Members of the North Carolina Task Force urban search and rescue team waded through a flooded neighborhood looking for residents who stayed behind as Florence continues to dump heavy rain in Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

Associated Press

## Flooding fears surge as rivers rise; Wilmington cut off

By **CHUCK BURTON**  
Associated Press

**WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)** — Catastrophic flooding from Florence spread across the Carolinas on Sunday, with roads to Wilmington cut

off by the epic deluge and muddy river water swamping entire neighborhoods miles inland. "The risk to life is rising with the angry waters," Gov. Roy Cooper declared as the storm's death toll climbed to 17.

The storm continued to crawl westward, dumping more than 30 inches (75 centimeters) of rain in spots since Friday, and fears of historic flooding grew. Tens of thousands were ordered evacu-

ated from communities along the state's steadily rising rivers — with the Cape Fear, Little River, Lumber, Waccamaw and Pee Dee rivers all projected to burst their banks.

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# Woman accusing Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct comes forward



In this Sept. 6, 2018, file photo, after more than an hour of delay over procedural questions, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh waits to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee for the third day of his confirmation hearing, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The woman who has accused Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual misconduct when they

were in high school has come forward, alleging in an interview that Kavanaugh pinned her to a bed, clumsily tried to remove her

clothing and covered her mouth when she tried to scream.

"I thought he might inadvertently kill me," Christine Blasey Ford told The Washington Post in her first interview. "He was trying to attack me and remove my clothing."

Ford, now 51 and a clinical psychology professor at Palo Alto University in California, says she was able to get away after Kavanaugh's friend jumped on top of them and everyone tumbled.

Kavanaugh, now 53 and a federal appeals judge in Washington, has denied the allegation. He repeated that denial again Sunday through the White House.

"I categorically and un-

equivocally deny this allegation. I did not do this back in high school or at any time," Kavanaugh said. Top Senate Democrats, including New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, immediately called for postponement of a Thursday vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee on whether to recommend that the full Senate confirm Kavanaugh to replace retired Justice Anthony Kennedy on the nation's highest court. Republicans gave no indication Sunday that they would do so.

A spokesman for Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, the Judiciary committee's Republican chairman, said Kavanaugh already went through several days of hearings and was investigated by the FBI. He said the committee's top Democrat, Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who was first notified of the allegation in late July, should have brought the matter to the panel earlier.

"It raises a lot of questions about Democrats' tactics and motives," said Taylor Foy, the spokesman.

The White House accused Feinstein, who revealed the existence of the letter late last week, of mounting an "11th hour attempt to delay his confirmation." Both Democratic and Republican senators questioned her handling of the allegation.

Feinstein called on the FBI to investigate Ford's story "before the Senate moves forward on this nominee." Kavanaugh's nomination by President Donald Trump has divided the Senate, with most Democrats opposing him and most Republicans supporting him. But the allegations of sexual misconduct, particularly coming amid the #MeToo movement against sexual harassment, coupled with Ford's emergence could complicate matters, especially as key Republican senators, including Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, are under enormous pressure from outside groups who want them to oppose Ka-

vanaugh on grounds that as a justice he could vote to undercut the Roe v. Wade ruling legalizing abortion in the U.S.

Collins and Murkowski have not said how they will vote. Neither senator is on the Judiciary Committee, which is scheduled to vote on a recommendation for the lifetime appointment.

Ford told the Post that Kavanaugh and a friend — both "stumbling drunk," she says — corralled her into a bedroom during a house party in Maryland in the early 1980s when she was around 15 and Kavanaugh was around 17. She says Kavanaugh groped her over her clothes, grinded his body against hers and tried to take off her one-piece swimsuit and the outfit she wore over it.

Kavanaugh covered her mouth with his hand when she tried to scream, she says. She escaped when Kavanaugh's friend jumped on them and everyone tumbled, she says.

In the interview, Ford says she never revealed what had happened to her until 2012, when she and her husband sought couples therapy.

Portions of her therapist's notes, which Ford provided to the Post, do not mention Kavanaugh by name but say Ford reported being attacked by students "from an elitist boys' school" who went on to become "highly respected and high-ranking members of society in Washington."

Kavanaugh attended a private school for boys in Maryland while Ford attended a nearby school. Ford's husband, Russell Ford, also told the newspaper that his wife described during therapy being trapped in a room with two drunken boys and that one of them had pinned her to a bed, molested her and tried to prevent from screaming. He said he recalled his wife using Kavanaugh's last name and expressing concern that Kavanaugh — then a federal judge — might someday be nominated to the Supreme Court. □

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## Flooding fears surge as rivers rise; Wilmington cut off

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In Wilmington, with roads leading in and out of the city underwater and streams still swelling upward, residents waited for hours outside stores and restaurants for basic necessities like water. Police guarded the door of one store, and only 10 people were allowed inside at a time.

Woody White, chairman of the board of commissioners of New Hanover County, said officials were planning for food and water to be flown into the coastal city of nearly 120,000 people. "Our roads are flooded," he said. "There is no access to Wilmington."

About 70 miles (115 kilometers) away from the coast, residents near the Lumber River stepped from their homes directly into boats floating in their front yards; river forecasts showed the scene could be repeated in towns as far as 250 miles (400 kilometers) inland as waters rise for days.

Downgraded overnight to a tropical depression, Florence was still massive. But with radar showing parts of the storm over six Southeastern states and flood worries spreading into southern Virginia and West Virginia, North and South Carolina were still in the bull's-eye.

Half way around the world, meanwhile, Typhoon Mangkhut barreled into southern China on Sunday after lashing the Philippines with strong winds and heavy rain that left dozens

dead. More than 2.4 million people were evacuated from China's southern Guangdong province ahead of the massive typhoon, the strongest to hit the region in nearly two decades. In North Carolina, fears of what could be the worst flooding in the state's history led officials to order tens of thousands to evacuate, though it wasn't clear how many had fled or even could. The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Brock Long, said officials were focused on finding people and rescuing them.

"We'll get through this. It'll be ugly, but we'll get through it," Long told NBC's "Meet The Press."

President Donald Trump said federal emergency workers, first responders and law enforcement officials were "working really hard." As the storm "begins to finally recede, they will kick into an even higher gear. Very Professional!" he declared in a tweet.

The storm's death toll climbed to at least 17 when a 3-month-old child was killed when a tree fell across a mobile home in North Carolina. Earlier, officials said three people died in separate, weather-related traffic accidents in South Carolina.

Victor Merlos was overjoyed to find a store open for business in Wilmington since he had about 20 relatives staying at his apartment, which still had power. He spent more than \$500 on cereal, eggs, soft drinks and other necessities,

plus beer.

"I have everything I need for my whole family," said Merlos. Nearby, a Waffle House restaurant limited breakfast customers to one biscuit and one drink, all take-out, with the price of \$2 per item.

Kenneth Campbell had donned waterproof waders intending to check out his home in Lumberton, but he didn't bother when he saw the Coast Guard and murky waters in his neighborhood. □



Chicken farm buildings are inundated with floodwater from Hurricane Florence near Trenton, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.  
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This April 12, 2018, file photo shows Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif. speaking during a committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

## GOP push to release House interviews in Russia investigation

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The House intelligence committee chairman said Sunday he plans to release the transcripts of dozens of private interviews conducted during its investigation into Russian election-meddling and would push the director of national intelligence to declassify others.

"I think full transparency is

in order here, so I expect to make those (transcripts) available from our committee to the American public here in the next few weeks," said Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., months after the GOP colleague who led the investigation said such a release could have a "chilling impact" on testimony in future inquiries. He said the committee interviewed nearly 70 people, and he estimated that about 70 percent to 80 percent of those interviews are not classified.

"Those need to be published, and they need to be published, I think, before the election," which is Nov. 6, Nunes told Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures."

Nunes said he hoped it would take Dan Coats, the national intelligence director, only "a matter of days" to act once Nunes made his request about the classified depositions, and "they don't do their normal foot-dragging where they slow roll and we don't get these before the election."

Making the transcripts available can only be done by committee vote. Committee Democrats have said they want the transcripts made public.

The committee already has released a handful of transcripts, but only in cases where the witness insisted on a public disclosure. GOP Rep. Mike Conaway of Texas, who led the investigation, said in March, when the committee completed a draft of its final report that found no coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign, that he decided against releasing the whole transcripts for fear it could hinder future

probes.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the highest ranking Democrat on the House intelligence committee, called upon Nunes to schedule a meeting "immediately" so members could vote on releasing the transcripts. The Schiff has favored complete disclosure so the public could make its own judgment about the witnesses.

That is the approach Nunes is taking, saying he wanted Americans to "see the work that we did and they can see all the people that were interviewed by us and their answers to those questions."

Nunes said "there's so much that's out there that's misinformation or disinformation on this 'Russia-gate' fiasco that we need this information out before the election."

That both Republicans and Democrats want the transcripts released underscores the partisan lens through which each side has viewed the investigation.

Republicans are likely to say that the content of the interviews proves there was no evidence of collusion between Trump's campaign and Russia; Democrats probably would say they prove there was evidence.

The Senate intelligence committee is still conducting its own investigation and has interviewed far more witnesses than the shorter House probe. The chairman, North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr, has said he won't release committee documents, so it is unclear whether any of those interviews will ever become public. □



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# \$2.5M bond for Border Patrol agent in killings of 4 in Texas

By JUAN A. LOZANO  
Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A U.S. Border Patrol supervisor was jailed Sunday on \$2.5 million bond in Texas, accused in the killing of at least four women and of injuring a fifth who managed to escape.

Juan David Ortiz, 35, was being held in Laredo on four counts of murder along with charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful restraint, Webb County jail records showed.

Ortiz was arrested a day earlier, after being found hiding in a truck in a hotel parking lot in Laredo, at about 2 a.m. Saturday, capping what investigators portrayed as a 10-day string of violence. Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said Saturday that investigators "consider this to be a serial killer" whose victims were believed to be prostitutes.

Alaniz described how the Customs and Border Patrol intel supervisor continued going to work as usual throughout that time.

"As law enforcement was looking for the killer ... he would be reporting to work

every day like normal," he said.

It all began with the discovery Sept. 4 of the body of 29-year-old Melissa Ramirez. According to a police affidavit, Ortiz said he killed Ramirez a day earlier. Like the other victims, Ramirez was shot in the head and left in a road in rural northwest Webb County.

She was a mother of two. A second victim, 42-year-old Claudine Anne Luera, was found shot and left in the road Thursday morning, badly injured but still alive, according to the affidavit. The mother of five died at a hospital later that day.

On Friday, according to the affidavit, Ortiz picked up a woman named Erika Pena. She told police she struggled with Ortiz inside his truck, where he pointed a pistol at her, but that she was able to flee. She made it to a gas station where she found a state trooper whom she asked for help. According to the affidavit, Ortiz told investigators that after Pena ran off, he picked up his last two victims, whose identities have not yet been released by authorities.

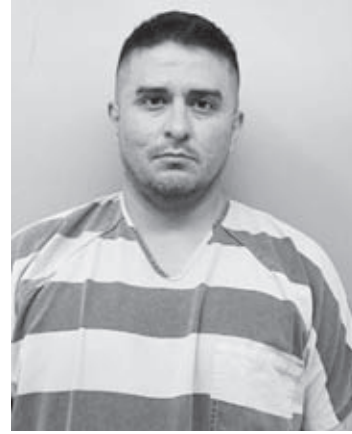
Jail records don't list an attorney to speak for Ortiz, who had worked for Border Patrol for 10 years.

Alaniz said the dead are believed to have been prostitutes and that one of them was a transgender woman. At least two were U.S. citizens; the nationalities of the others were not known, he said. He said investigators are still working to determine a motive.

Ortiz was believed to have acted alone.

The federal agency issued a statement offering its "sincerest condolences" to the victims' families and saying criminal activity by its employees is not tolerated.

The Texas Department of



This image provided by the Webb County Sheriff's Office shows Juan David Ortiz, a U.S. Border Patrol supervisor who was jailed Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, on a \$2.5 million bond in Texas, accused in the killing of at least four women.

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Public Safety, whose Texas Rangers are investigating, referred questions on the case to the Webb County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Martin Cuellar did not return several messages seeking comment. □



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## Official: Pressure sensors focus of gas explosions probe

**LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP)** —

The investigation into the Boston-area natural gas explosions is partially focused on pressure sensors that were connected to a gas line that was being taken out of service shortly before the blasts, the head of the National Transportation Safety Board said Sunday. NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said the sensors can signal for gas pressure to be increased if the pressure gets too low. He said investigators will try to determine whether those sensors played any role in Thursday's explosions and fires.

Dozens of homes were destroyed or damaged, a teenager was killed and dozens of people were injured in Lawrence, North Andover and Andover. Thousands were forced to leave their homes.

Also Sunday, residents in



Columbia Gas employee Brian Jones shines a flashlight so his partner, using a wrench, can shut off the gas in a home Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, in Andover, Mass.

Associated Press

the three communities north of Boston were allowed to return to their homes after crews finished shutting off nearly 8,600 gas meters. Electricity was restored to all the affected homes and businesses, but gas service may not be restored for weeks.

"It's evident to me and to all of us the Merrimack Val-

ley and the residents of our state are being as supportive as they can be and as kind as they can be to one another during this most difficult time," Gov. Charlie Baker said at a news conference Sunday. "We still have a very long way to go but we're very happy that people can return to their homes this morning."

Schools in Lawrence will be closed Monday because of the natural gas situation, officials said.

Sumwalt said the investigation is focused on high pressure in pipelines. On Saturday, he said officials will be looking at how local Columbia Gas officials responded to a "pressure increase" in the Lawrence area that was detected at the company's pipeline control center in Columbus, Ohio, prior to the explosions and fires. He said there was no evidence the explosions were intentional.

Columbia Gas on Sunday turned away hundreds of Lawrence residents who wanted to make damage claims because it couldn't handle the deluge, The Boston Globe reported. The company told residents, many of whom waited for several hours, to come back Monday. "I am tired.

I am frustrated," Renata Rena, who waiting in line with her 3-year-old daughter, told the newspaper.

Joe Hamrock, chief executive of Columbia Gas' parent company, NiSource, said Sunday that the company was taking full responsibility for what happened and is implementing a service restoration plan. He said the devastation and tragedy caused by the explosions are heartbreaking. "We're in this for the long run," Hamrock said. "We know this has damaged the confidence and trust in our company and what we do. Our full commitment is restoring that trust and that confidence."

Officials said gas company technicians will turn all the meters back after safety inspections of the entire system are complete — a process expected to take several weeks. □



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## Shark attack victim was engineering student, outdoorsman

**WELLFLEET, Mass. (AP)** — A 26-year-old man who was killed in a shark attack off a Cape Cod beach had been a part-time engineering student who was engaged to be married and loved surfing and other outdoor activities, according to friends and school officials.

Arthur Medici, of Revere, Massachusetts, was bitten by a shark Saturday while boogie boarding off Newcomb Hollow Beach in Wellfleet and later died at a hospital. He was the state's first shark attack fatality in more than 80 years and the second attack victim this summer on Cape Cod.

The beach remained closed to swimming Sunday. Flowers were placed at the base of a sign that said "No swimming surfing etc. until further notice," but some people were paddleboarding in the water, the Boston Herald reported.

A shark was spotted several miles south of Wellfleet on Sunday, according to the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy.

Medici was a part-time engineering student at Bunker Hill Community College in Boston last spring, the school said in a statement Sunday. It did not provide any other information about his studies including why he wasn't enrolled in the current semester. The school offered condolences to Medici's family and friends.

He moved to the U.S. from Brazil two years ago to attend college, friends told WCVB-TV.

A GoFundMe page set up by family and friends to cover funeral costs had raised more than \$16,000 as of Sunday afternoon.

"Arthur was a very happy young man," said a posting

on the page. "He loved life, he was an active member of a Christian church, devoting his life to the Lord. ... He loved hiking, biking, surfing and various other sports. ... He was always joyful and willing to help others, even going as far as feeding the homeless."

"He was happily engaged to a smart, kind-hearted medical student with a bright future," it continued. "Our lives are never going to be the same without him. His laughter filled our home and he will be greatly missed by us all."

There also was an outpouring of condolences on his Facebook page.

Medici had worked at The Capital Grille restaurant in Burlington, just outside of Boston, and left the job more than a year ago, restaurant spokesman Rich Jeffers said.

"Just like everybody else, we're shocked and saddened," he said. "It's just terrible." Medici was attacked around noon as he and a friend were boogie boarding. The friend dragged him ashore, and people on the beach attempted life-saving measures including CPR and applying tourniquets. He was taken to Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, where he was pronounced dead.

On Aug. 15, a 61-year-old New York man was severely injured after fighting off a shark off Truro, about 4 miles north of Saturday's attack. He's currently recovering in a Boston hospital.

Saturday's attack was the third fatal shark attack in the world this year, with the other two occurring in Brazil and Egypt, according to Gavin Naylor, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research and curator at the Florida Museum of Natural History. □



Two signs at the top of the dune at Newcomb Hollow Beach alert visitors that the beach is closed to swimming, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, in Wellfleet, Mass. A Revere man died after being bitten by a shark off Newcomb Hollow Beach on Saturday.

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# Palestinian stabs American-Israeli man to death in West Bank



Israeli police investigates at the scene of an stabbing attack in the West Bank settlement of Gush Etzion Sunday, Sept. 15, 2018. Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — A Palestinian assailant on Sunday fatally stabbed an Israeli settler outside a busy mall in the West Bank. The victim was identified as

Ari Fuld, a U.S.-born activist who was well-known in the local settler community and an outspoken Israel advocate on social media platforms.

The military said the attacker arrived at the mall near a major junction in the southern West Bank, close to the Gush Etzion settlement bloc, and stabbed the Fuld before fleeing. Video footage showed Fuld giving chase and firing at his assailant before collapsing. Other civilians shot the attacker, whom Israeli media identified as a 17-year-old from a nearby Palestinian village. He was reportedly in moderate condition.

Fuld, a 45-year-old father of four who lived in the nearby settlement of Efrat, was evacuated to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Fuld was a well-known English-language internet

commenter on current affairs and the weekly Torah lesson. He was known for his hard-line nationalist ideology and strong support for the Israeli military.

Settler spokesman Josh Hasten, who said he had known Fuld for about a decade, said his friend traveled widely to showcase "the beauty and reality of life" in the country.

He delivered care packages to Israeli soldiers and would go on solidarity trips to communities near the Gaza Strip during times of fighting with the Hamas militant group, Hasten said. "When the rockets were falling, that's when he would get in his car and go down to Sderot," Hasten said.

Fuld also was known for an outspoken manner that included verbal clashes with Palestinians and critics of Israel that could land

him in trouble. At times, his Facebook account was suspended.

"He did not hold back on his opinions," Hasten said. "If that meant 30 days of Facebook jail, so be it."

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lauded Fuld on Facebook for fighting his attacker "heroically" and remembered him as "an advocate for Israel who fought to spread the truth." On Twitter, David Friedman, the U.S. ambassador to Israel and a strong supporter of the settlements, called him "a passionate defender of Israel & an American patriot."

Since 2015, Palestinians have killed over 50 Israelis, two visiting Americans and a British tourist in stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks. Israeli forces killed over 260 Palestinians in that period, of which Israel says most were attackers. □

## 2 US basketball players stabbed in Romania; 1 seriously hurt

**BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)**

— Two U.S. basketball players have been stabbed in a club in eastern Romania and one is in a serious condition, Romanian authorities said Sunday.

Police said Darrell Bowie, 24, and Joseph McClain, 25, who play for local club ACS Cuza Braila, were attacked Saturday night in the city after a fight broke out with locals.

Braila County Emergency Hospital spokeswoman Alina Neacsu told The Associated Press both men underwent emergency surgery at the hospital early Sunday. She said McClain sustained stab wounds to his chest and stomach and was "stable" and in intensive care.

She said Bowie suffered multiple abdominal wounds, correcting reports that he had suffered a perforated lung. She said both had "perforated wounds" but could not say how they were caused.

Bowie was transported by helicopter on Sunday to the Emergency Hospital in the capital, Bucharest. "We are a small hospital and it was better for him to be transferred," Neacsu said, adding that his condition is "unpredictable."

A spokeswoman at the Bucharest hospital declined to provide information on Bowie's medical status, citing patient privacy.

Police spokeswoman Laura Dan said prosecutors were investigating.

The club has 4 U.S. players for this season.

Bowie, who grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spent three seasons at Northern Illinois before transferring to Iowa State for his final season.

Bowie played in 33 games with nine starts for the Cyclones in 2016-17, averaging 5.8 points and 4.1 rebounds and helping them win the Big 12 Tournament and reach the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament. □



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## UK leader: Talk of leadership during Brexit 'irritating'

By GREGORY KATZ  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — British Prime Minister Theresa May concedes that she gets "irritated" by the debate over her leadership during the difficult Brexit negotiations.

She told the BBC in an interview scheduled to be broadcast Monday that she is concerned for the country's future, not her own, as talks about Britain's upcoming exit from the European Union continue.

May faces a split in her Conservative Party, with some influential figures preferring a more complete break with the EU than she is advocating. Roughly 50 hard-liners met Tuesday

night to discuss her possible ouster.

In the interview, May said the leadership talk can be distracting.

"I get a little bit irritated, but this debate is not about my future. This debate is about the future of the people of the U.K. and the future of the United Kingdom," she said. "That's what I'm focused on, and that's what we should all be focused on." The opposition Labour Party is also increasingly divided over the Brexit issue. London Mayor Sadiq Khan broke ranks on Sunday with party leader Jeremy Corbyn to publicly back a second referendum of whether Britain should go forward with plans to leave the EU.

Writing in The Observer, Khan said Britain faces either a bad deal or no deal at all — options he said are "incredibly risky."

He said the public deserves a right to choose between any deal reached by the government or staying in the EU. He said that if no deal is reached, the public should be able to choose between the "no deal" scenario or remaining in the bloc.

The mayor's stance is expected to put more pressure on Corbyn at the Labour Party conference later this month.

In her interview, May criticized former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, who resigned in July to protest her



In this July 24, 2018 file photo, British Prime Minister Theresa May listens at the start of her meeting with the Qatar's emir at 10 Downing Street in London.

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plan to keep some close ties to the EU after Brexit.

Johnson, who is seen by many analysts as positioning himself as a possible successor to the embattled prime minister, recently

caused a furor by comparing May's Brexit strategy to a "suicide vest."

"I have to say that that choice of language is completely inappropriate," May said. □

## Roads shut after 2 fall ill in U.K. city where ex-spy poisoned

**LONDON (AP)** — British police closed roads and called a hazardous response team Sunday night after two people became ill at a restaurant in the English city where a Russian ex-spy and his daughter were poisoned with a chemical nerve agent.

Wiltshire Police described the emergency steps taken in response to "a medical incident" in Salisbury as precautions. The city spent months with quarantine tents and investigators in full-body protective gear combing for evidence after Sergei Skripal and his adult daughter were found

unconscious on a bench in March. Its residents were put back on edge in June when a man and a woman living in a nearby town was hospitalized with signs of exposure to the same Soviet-made nerve agent, Novichok. The woman, 44-year-old Dawn Sturgess, died.

Britain's counter-terrorism police said this month they think Sturgess' boyfriend found a counterfeit perfume bottle containing remnants of the substance originally applied on the front door of Skripals home in Salisbury. The conditions of a man and woman who got sick at Prezzo restau-



Emergency services personnel stage outside Prezzo restaurant, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, in Salisbury, United Kingdom, where police have closed streets as a "precautionary measure" after two people were taken ill from the restaurant, amid heightened tensions after the Novichok poisonings earlier in the year.

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rant in Salisbury was under investigation. "As a precautionary measure, the restaurant and surrounding roads have been cordoned off while officers attend the scene and establish the circumstances surrounding what has led them to fall ill," Wiltshire police said in a statement.

British prosecutors have charged two Russian men in absentia with poisoning Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia. They have alleged Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov were Russian intelligence agents, which they and Moscow have denied. □



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## Typhoon pounds south China after killing 64 in Philippines

By VINCENT YU and JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Typhoon Mangkhut barreled into southern China on Sunday, killing two people after lashing the Philippines with strong winds and heavy rain that left at least 64 dead and dozens more feared buried in a landslide.

More than 2.4 million people had been evacuated in southern China's Guangdong province by Sunday evening to flee the massive typhoon and nearly 50,000 fishing boats were called back to port, state media reported. It threatened to be the strongest typhoon to hit Hong Kong in nearly two decades.

"Prepare for the worst," Hong Kong Security Minister John Lee Ka-chiu urged residents.

That warning came after Mangkhut's devastating march through the northern Philippines, where the storm made landfall Saturday on Luzon island with sustained winds of 205 kilometers (127 miles) per hour and gusts of 255 kph (158 mph).

Police Superintendent Pelita Tacio said 34 villagers had died and 36 remained missing in landslides in two villages in Itogon town in the northern Philippine mountain province of Benguet.

Itogon Mayor Victorio Palangdan told The Associated Press by phone that at the height of the typhoon's onslaught Saturday afternoon, dozens of people, mostly miners and their families, rushed into an old three-story building



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, waves crash onto the coastline in Zhuhai in southern China's Guangdong Province on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

in the village of Ucab. The building — a former mining bunkhouse that had been transformed into a chapel — was obliterated when part of a mountain slope collapsed. Three villagers who managed to escape told authorities what happened.

"They thought they were really safe there," the mayor said. He expressed sadness that the villagers, many of them poor, had few options to survive in a region where big corporations have profited immensely from gold mines.

Rescuers were scrambling to pull out the body of a victim from the mound of mud and rocks in Ucab before Tacio, the police official, left the area Sunday. "I could hear villagers wailing in their homes near the site of the accident," Tacio said. The tragedy came as Florence, another major storm, unleashed cata-

strophic flooding across the Carolinas in the United States, where more than 30 inches of rain since Friday threatened a deluge of historic proportions as the storm slowly crawled inland from the coast. Muddy river waters swamped entire communities and the coastal city of Wilmington, North Carolina, was cut off by the flood waters.

In China, meanwhile, Mangkhut continued its destructive path, with Hong Kong bracing for a storm that could be the strongest to hit the city since Typhoon York in 1999.

A video posted online by residents showed the top corner of an old building break and fall off, while in another video, a tall building swayed as strong winds blew.

The storm shattered glass windows on commercial skyscrapers in Hong Kong, sending sheets of paper

pouring out of the buildings, fluttering and spiraling as they headed for the debris-strewn ground, according to several videos posted on social media.

Mangkhut also felled trees, tore bamboo scaffolding off buildings under construction and flooded some areas of Hong Kong with waist-high waters, according to the South China Morning Post.

The storm made landfall in the Guangdong city of Taishan at 5 p.m., packing wind speeds of 162 kilometers (100 miles) per hour. State television broadcaster CGTN reported that surging waves flooded a seaside hotel in the city of Shenzhen.

In Macau, next door to Hong Kong, casinos were ordered to close from 11 p.m. Saturday, the first time such action was taken in the city, the South China Morning Post reported.

In the city's inner harbor district, the water level reached 1.5 meters (5 feet) on Sunday and was expected to rise further. The area was one of the most affected by floods from Typhoon Hato, which left 10 people dead last year.

Authorities in southern China issued a red alert, the most severe warning, as the national meteorological center said the densely populated region would face a "severe test caused by wind and rain" and urged officials to prepare for possible disasters.

Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific said all of its flights would be canceled between 2:30 a.m. Sunday and 4 a.m. Monday. The city of Shenzhen also canceled all flights between Sunday and early Monday morning. Hainan Airlines canceled 234 flights in the cities of Haikou, Sanya, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai scheduled over the weekend.

All high-speed and some normal rail services in Guangdong and Hainan provinces were also halted, the China Railway Guangzhou Group Co. said.

In the Philippines, rescuers for the Itogon landslide were hampered by rain and mud. The search and rescue operation was suspended at nightfall and was to resume at daybreak Monday, said Palangdan, the mayor. Police and their vehicles could not immediately reach the landslide-hit area because the ground was unstable and soaked from the heavy rains, regional police chief Rolando Nana told the ABS-CBN TV network. □





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# Leaders of Ethiopia, Eritrea sign accord in Saudi Arabia

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) —

Leaders from Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a peace agreement on Sunday during a summit in Saudi Arabia, yet another sign of warming ties between two nations that have face decades of war and unease.

Terms of the agreement signed by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki weren't immediately clear. Ethiopia's Foreign Ministry described it as a "seven-point agreement" while Eritrea offered no details.

Saudi authorities did not respond to specific questions about the accord, which earlier had been described as being a further endorsement of a historic deal reached between the two nations in July.

"The peace deal resulted in restoration of normal relations between the countries, on the basis of the close bonds of geography, history and culture between the two nations and their peoples," Saudi Arabia said in a statement Sunday, calling the accord the "Jiddah Agreement."

"The kingdom of Saudi Arabia praised the leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea for exercising leadership and courage to restore the brotherly relations between the two countries, thus forming the foundation for a new phase that will bring

significant developments in the relations between the two nations in all fields," the statement added.

Saudi King Salman and his assertive 33-year-old son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, were on hand for the summit in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah. Also attending was Emirati Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan and United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"There is a wind of hope blowing in the Horn of Africa," Guterres told journalists after the signing. "It is not only the peace between Ethiopia and Eritrea — it is the fact that tomorrow and the day after tomorrow we will have, here in Saudi Arabia, the president of Djibouti and the president of Eritrea — two countries that have also been at odds with each other."

In September, an Ethiopian-mediated effort saw relations normalize between Eritrea and Djibouti after a long border dispute. Between 2010 and 2017 Qatar attempted to mediate a settlement but that effort failed. Qatar in June 2017 withdrew its 450 peace-keeping troops from the Eritrean-Djiboutian border after being isolated by Saudi Arabia, the UAE and two other Arab nations as part of a diplomatic dispute.

King Salman also awarded the Ethiopian and Eritrean leaders with the Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud Medal,

the kingdom's highest civilian honor. They earlier won similar honors in the UAE.

Landlocked Ethiopia fought a bloody war with Eritrea from 1998 to 2000 over a border dispute that killed tens of thousands of people. The conflict ended in an uneasy peace with Eritrea, which earlier fought a decades-long war of independence from Ethiopia.

Yet that suddenly changed with the election of Abiy as prime minister. A whirlwind of talks suddenly ended the long conflict between the two nations in July, with telephone calls and flights suddenly possible between the two nations.

It was particularly surprising for Eritrea, a closed-off nation of 5 million people ruled by Isaias since 1993. Eritrea's system of compulsory conscription that led thousands of Eritreans to flee toward Europe, Israel and elsewhere. Ethiopia is home to 105 million people. The signing ceremony Sunday in Saudi Arabia also served as a nod to the growing important Gulf Arab nations put on East Africa amid the Saudi-led war in Yemen. The United Arab Emirates, also believed to have played a part in talks between Ethiopia and Eritrea, has been building up a military presence in the Eritrean port city of Assab. The strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait, which sits off Eritrea and neighboring Djibouti, links the Red Sea and the Suez Canal with the Gulf of Aden and ultimately the Indian Ocean. Dozens of commercial ships transit the route, some 16-kilometers (10-miles) wide at its narrowest point, every day. □



In this photograph released by the state-run Saudi Press Agency, Saudi King Salman, center, receives Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki, left, and Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, right, in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

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## Mexican president elect introduces civilian head of security

By **SOFIA ORTEGA** and **AMY GUTHRIE**

Associated Press

**TEPIC, Mexico (AP)** — Mexico's president-elect kicked off a nationwide tour Sunday with his new head of security in tow: a restaurant owner named Daniel Asaf who will coordinate a civilian brigade in lieu of the Mexican equivalent of the U.S. Secret Service.

Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who takes office Dec. 1, introduced Asaf to reporters at Mexico City's international airport before departing for Tepic, capital of the western state of Nayarit. He said Asaf will organize 20 civilian assistants who will accompany him five at a time so he can interact with voters without getting squashed.

The wildly popular Lopez Obrador enjoys engaging with everyday Mexicans and is mobbed daily by well-wishers. He shakes hands. He poses for pictures. And he pauses to

**Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador walks through supporters as he holds an event in Tepic, Mexico, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.**

listen to pleas that range from tearful requests for assistance locating kidnapped or missing loved ones to humble requests for jobs.

Lopez Obrador campaigned across Mexico for

13 years with two failed bids for the presidency before winning the highest office in a landslide July vote. He visited remote and dangerous hamlets with a modest entourage.

His head of security be-

tween 2003 and 2011 was Polimnia Romana, a veterinarian who assembled a small group of female police to handle crowd control. The female force's light touch with children and women who approached Lopez Obrador earned them the nickname "the gazelles."

Romana finds it "very worrisome" that Lopez Obrador wants to entrust his safety to someone without security experience as he nears the presidency. Lopez Obrador "cares too much about public opinion," she said, adding that he is "behaving like a candidate who is looking for votes."

Mexican presidents are only eligible to serve a single six-year term. The country's constitution spells out various succession plans should a sitting president be

incapacitated, depending on his time in office. Interim leadership could fall to the interior minister or head of the Senate until general elections are held again.

Mexico is a dangerous place for politicians. More than 145 politicians — most local figures — have been killed in Mexico over the past year. Mexican security experts say Lopez Obrador is taking on too much risk. They point to this month's stabbing on a crowded street of Brazilian presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro and to the 1994 assassination of Mexican presidential hopeful Luis Colosio as proof that you never know who might have murderous intentions. Alleged assailants in both cases have been painted as lone wolves acting out of mental instability and disagreement with the politicians' messages.

Lopez Obrador is "playing with fire," said Alejandro Schtulmann, president of the Mexico City-based political risk firm EMPRA.

Security analyst Alejandro Hope said the low-key civilian detail makes it "easier" for someone to harm the incoming president, whether he's visiting violence-torn rural areas or congested cities. Hope also pointed out that the Mexican secret service does more than guarantee the personal security of the president. It secures his communications and the installations he will visit, while handling logistics and acting as point-people for visits by international leaders.

## Vatican expels Chilean priest accused of sexual abuse

**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)** — Chilean church authorities say Pope Francis has ordered a man accused of sexually abusing minors removed from the priesthood.

The Santiago archbishop's office said Saturday the decision cannot be appealed.

Cristian Precht already had

earlier been suspended from priestly duties for five years after an investigation into similar allegations. He is now in his late 70s.

Precht headed the Chilean church's office in defense of human rights in the 1970s during part of the dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Chilean authorities last

month raided the headquarters of the country's bishop's conference as part of a widespread investigation into sex abuse committed by members of the Marist Brothers order.

The pope earlier ordered an investigation and denounced a "culture of abuse and cover-up" in Chile's Catholic Church. □



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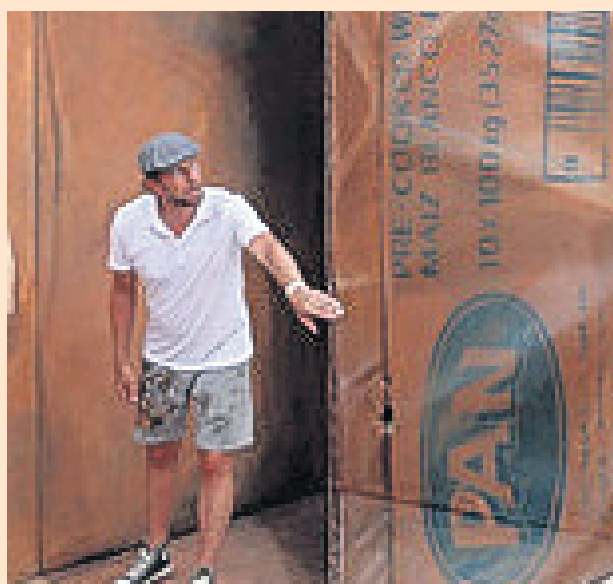
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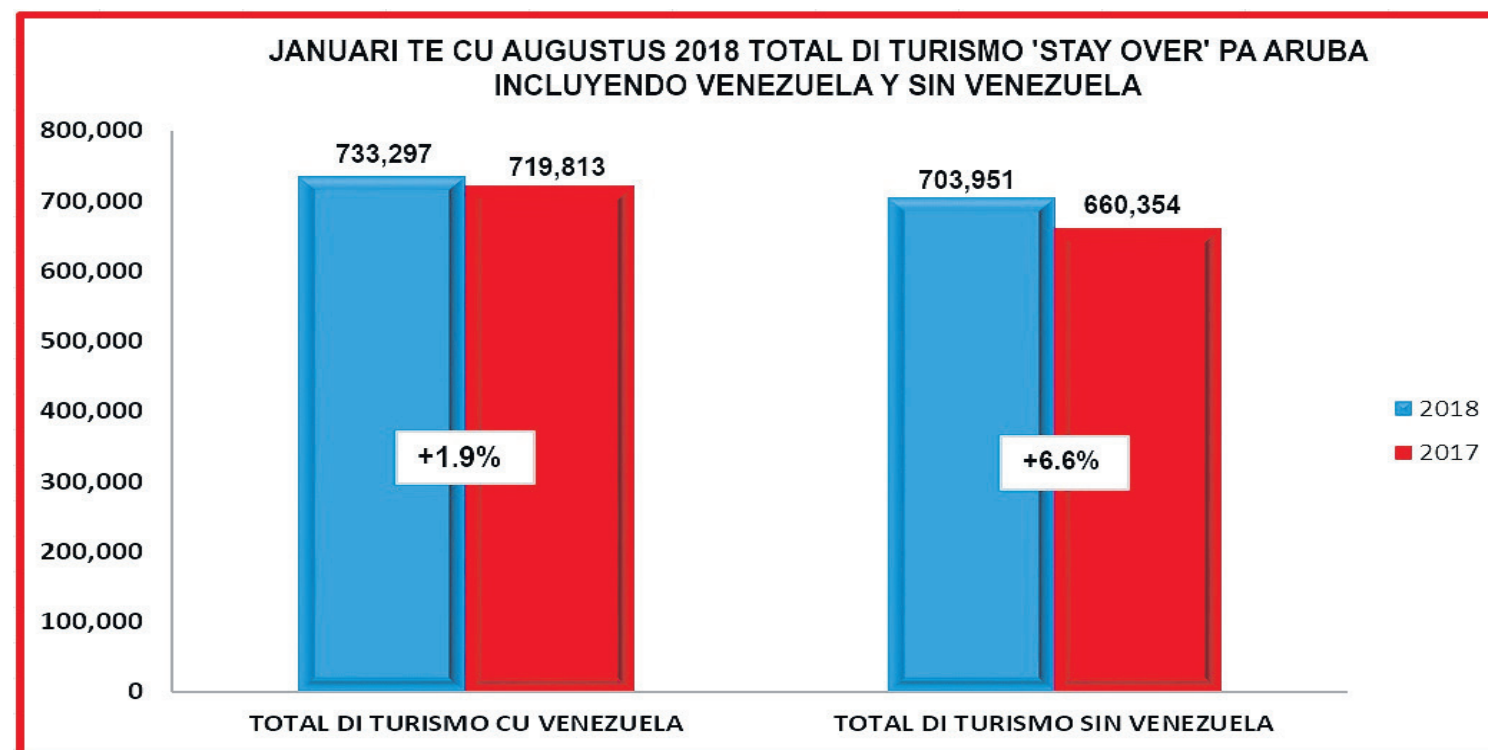
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## A.T.A. first 8 months of 2018: 1.9% more visitors and 12.4% higher RevPar



**ORANJESTAD – Aruba welcomed a total of 733,297 'stay-over' visitors during the first 8 months of 2018. This is 1.9% (+13,484 visitors) more compared to same period of 2017. If we exclude visitors from Venezuela, you will see an increase of 6.6% (+43,597 visitors) which equals a total of 703,951 visitors to our island. These numbers indicate an increase in key markets for Aruba such as USA, Canada, Brazil and Holland. For the month of August, Aruba received a total of 91,534 stay-over visitors, which is 0.8% (+736) more compared to same month last year. Excluding visitors from Venezuela, you will see this is 7% (+5,495 visitors) more which equals to 84,355 visitors for the month of July for 2018.**

### 'Stay-over' Tourism

Aruba is being represented in 3 different continents. Compared to August of 2017, for 2018 tourism from North America increased with 6.8% (+3,922 visitors/total 61,648 visitors) and

brought 67.3% of the total for tourism to our destination. In August, USA increased to 7% (+3,876 visitors/total 59,160 visitors) and Canada increased with 1.9% (+46 visitors/total 2,488 visitors) compared to same month in 2017. From January to August 2018, Norte America increased and brought 547,892 visitors to Aruba, which is an increase of 7.4% (+33,781 visitors).

The Latin American Continent decreased with 18.8% (-3,911 visitors/total 16,849 visitors) in which Venezuela decreased with a 39.9% (- 4,759 visitors/total 7,179 visitors) compared to August of last year. Colombia increased with 22% (+607 visitors /total 3,367 visitors) and Brazil decreased with 11.4% (-121 visitors/total 936 visitors). The Latin American Continent brought 18.4% of the total of tourism for the month of August for 2018 for our island. From January till August of 2018, Latin America brought a total of 104,297 visitors for Aru-

ba, which equals to 19.8% (-25,709 visitors) less compared to same period of last year.

For what Europe concerns an increase in tourism can be noticed of 5.2% (+504 visitors/total 10,205 visitors) more compared with e same month of last year. United Kingdom decreased with 37.9% (-1,071 visitors/total 1,757 visitors). As already informed earlier due to the so called 'BREXIT' in England, TUI was forced to cancel one of the charter flights from this destination to Aruba. Noticeable is that the decrease of 7,500 seats and the fall of the United Kingdom market this has been compensated with the increase from the other countries. The majority comes from the 7th additional flight per week of KLM which A.T.A. managed to confirm November of last year. Besides, TUI Netherlands increased their amount of seats to Aruba so that A.T.A. Europe can continue its contribution to increase the high quality

tourism to our destination.

Other countries in Europe: Netherlands increased with 3.6% (+116 visitors/total 3,326 visitors) and Germany increased with 6.3% (+30 visitors/total 511 visitors). There is also an increase from Italy with 57% (+1,117 visitors/total 3,075 visitors). The European Continent represented 11.1% of tourism for Aruba for the month of August 2018. From January till August of 2018, Europe brought 57,118 visitors to Aruba, which is 1.6% (-916 visitors) less compared to same period last year.

### Tourism Cruise

During August 2018, 43,632 cruise passengers visited our destination aboard a total of 17 different cruise ships. Compared with month of August last year, cruise tourism decreased with 5.6% (-2,568 visitors/cruise): in August 2017 Aruba had 46,200 visitors from 16 cruises. That is 1 cruise ships more compared to last year. From January to August 2018, a total of

527,247 cruise passengers visited Aruba (an increase of 2.7% +14,022 passengers more) aboard a total of 215 different cruise ships (an increase of 0.9% :2 cruise ship more).

### Tourism Receipts / Central Bank of Aruba

According to the Central Bank the so called 'Tourism Receipts' for 2017 contributed to 3,078.5 Million florins to our economy, which is a 6.5% increase compared to the same season in 2016.

### Hotels / AHATA

According to Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association for the month of August 2018, the 'Average daily Rate' (ADR) increased with 14.7 % compared to August 2017 – US\$ 203.00 in 2017 compared to US\$ 232.89 in 2018. From January till August 2018, the ADR increased with 10.8% which equals to US\$ 275.91. The revenue per available room, the so called RevPar increased to 12.4%- US\$ 176.75 in August 2017 to US\$ 198.62 in August 2018. The occupancy room per night (ORN) increased with 1.3% for the month of August 2018. The occupancy room per night (ORN) for the first 8 months of 2018 decreased with 2.3%.

Numbers provided by AHATA for the first 4 months of 2018 are based on 14 properties including Holiday Inn Resort and the majority of the hotels with the exception of Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino. From May 2018 the numbers are based on 13 properties excluding Holiday Inn Resort. From August 2018, the numbers are based on 15 properties excluding Boardwalk Hotel and Brickell Bay Beach Club. □



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ria Petit de Colina, Nohely Colina, Mercy Daviela Colina and Belkis Maria Colina from Estado Falcon, Venezuela, who have been coming to Aruba for more than 15 consecutive years and are staying at La Quinta

Resort. The honorees love the island very much, the sunset, the weather and specially the people of Aruba. Darline together with representatives of La Quinta Resort presented the certifi-

cate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □







#### Francois asked me a very difficult question:

Last week my Belgium friend Francois asked me what is the best beach on the island! WOW!!! My answer was it depends on the time of the day. I love the sunrise at Baby Beach so between 6am to 7:15am it's just spectacular at Baby Beach. Between 7:30am – 9am I will prefer Arashi Beach and this is for the tonality of colors of the sunlight. Around 10am sure it will be Eagle beach, Boca druif, Mangel Halto or Rodgers Beach. At noon the best place to be is at the Natural Pool in Arikok. For a morning beachwalk Palm Beach and for sunset, Arashi Beach or Eagle Beach.



#### My Fav Lunch

My favourite lunch is Red Snapper or Stew Goat!!! Our island cuisine is delicious and as soon as I need a jumpstart I will buy Red Snapper. The best way to fry a fresh snapper is to cut in blocks on the side of the snapper and by doing this will help you when eating a whole snapper. We eat fish with Funchi or Pan Bati (Ask your concierge) and also must have 3 sliced of sweet plantain. The local sauce is made of onions, tomatoes, green pepper, salt and some secret ingredients and that is garlic and pepper (Some locals add sugar too). Sure will have the Pica di Papaya (Papaya hot sauce made in Aruba) and with lemon juice. Bon appetit.



#### A Dutch tradition in Aruba:

Aruban hex signs can be seen etched into old cunucu houses all over the island and also on new built houses. This one is from a house at Babijn, on the road to Natural Bridge. A Dutch tradition that came to our island around 80 years ago and it's a very interested subject that have many point of view on the meaning of the hex signs.



#### Beto Ras!

If you go to Arikok National park you will see this gentleman sitting in his window watching the jeeps and busses going to Arikok. His house is at Coba Lodo #17, just at the crossing to go to the park. A white house that was built by his grandfather Antonio Ras. Also this house was for some time the only mini-market in this area and was the "Codalodo Store". Sure you will see Beto and his cousin Mai having very long conversation one outside and the other inside his house.

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# SPORTS



Canelo Alvarez celebrates after defeating Gennady Golovkin by majority decision in a middleweight title boxing match, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, in Las Vegas.

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## Close win means Alvarez and Golovkin could do it again

By TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Boxing Writer

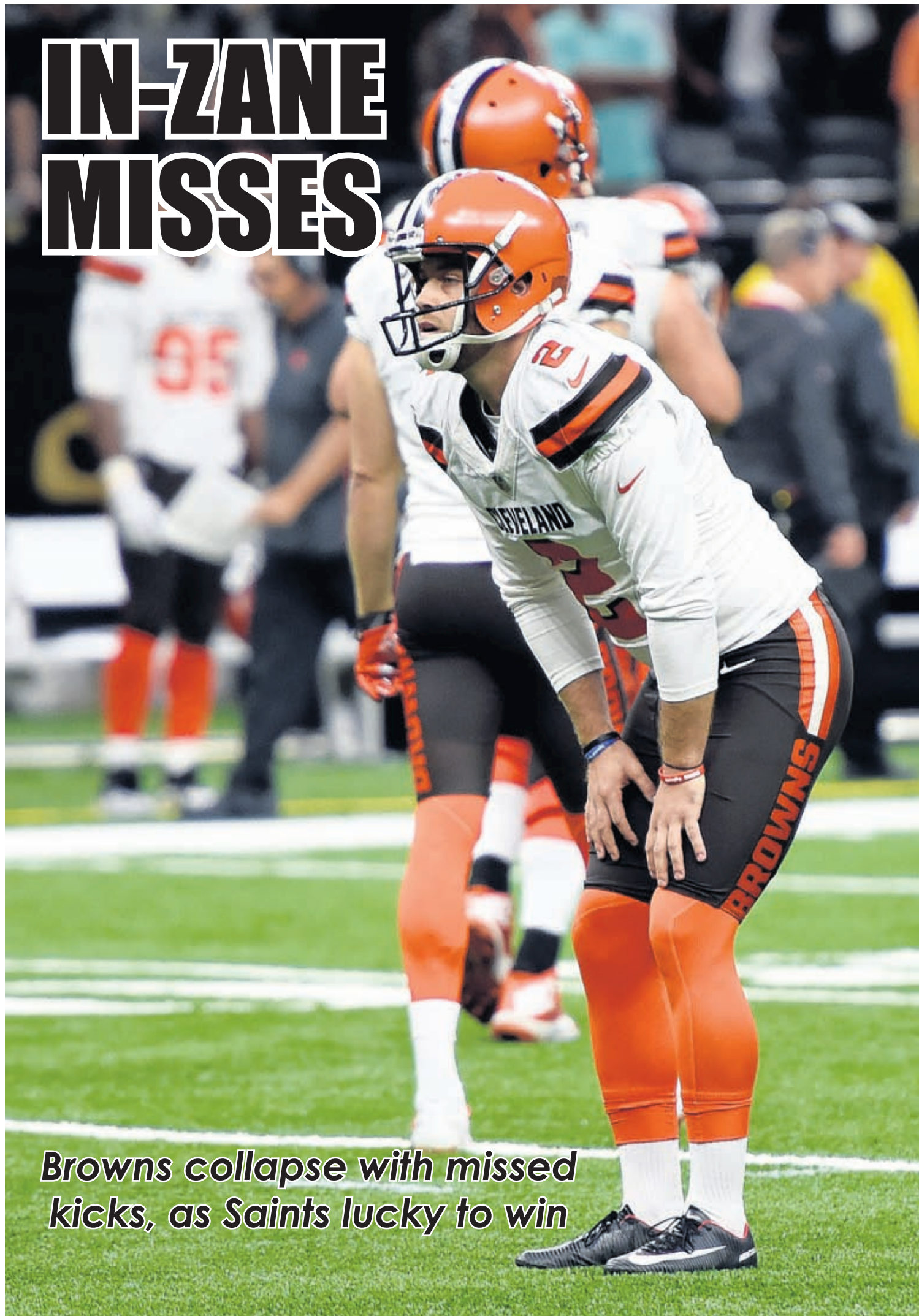
**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The fight was so close at the final bell that no one in the arena — including Gennady Golovkin and Canelo Alvarez — knew who would leave the ring with the middleweight title belts.

It was Alvarez, though by the slimmest of margins. He won the last round on two scorecards Saturday night on the Las Vegas Strip to hand Golovkin the first loss of his career in a fight that more than lived up to its advance billing.

To settle who is really the best, though, they may just have to do it a third time. And that's fine with both fighters, who have now gone 24 rounds together with little but a few points on the scorecards to separate them. "If the people want us to do it again, let's do it again," Alvarez said.

"It would be great to have a third fight," Golovkin said. A third fight will almost certainly happen, and for that fight fans have to be grateful.

# IN-ZANE MISSES



*Browns collapse with missed kicks, as Saints lucky to win*

Cleveland Browns kicker Zane Gonzalez reacts after missing an extra point during the second half of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints, in New Orleans Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.



# Angela Stanford wins at Evian for 1st career major title

By GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France

(AP) — In her 18th year on tour, after a wild and tearful final few holes, Angela Stanford became a major tournament champion Sunday.

It was a long journey to an unlikely one-shot victory at the Evian Championship for a player who believed as a rookie in 2001 that major titles would come sooner than her 40th birthday — and probably not in France.

"I would have laughed, 'No way, it's going to happen before'," said Stanford, whose runner-up finish at the 2003 U.S. Women's Open was the first of 13 top-10s in majors without a win.

"I didn't know at the time how close I was," she reflected of that playoff loss 15 years ago. "It was only my third year and I had no idea what I was doing, to be perfectly honest."

Those feelings returned on the 17th tee at Evian Resort Golf Club, she said, after double bogey at the par-3 16th dropped Stanford out of a tie with long-time leader Amy Olson.

Stanford closed her round of 3-under 68 with eagle-double bogey-birdie then a barely missed birdie that left her in tears minutes before Olson played the 18th and made double-bogey. Her winning 12-under total of 272 was good by one shot to earn a \$577,500 check.

Olson (74) fell into a four-way tie for second place with fellow Americans Austin Ernst (68) and Mo Martin (70), and South Korea's Sei Young Kim (72). Martin barely missed with a birdie chance on the 18th to face Stanford in a playoff.

Olson missed a six-foot putt for bogey on the 18th to force a playoff. Stanford waited green-side out of sight of the putting surface after signing autographs for young spectators.

Tears flowed again as Stanford watched on a giant screen for Olson — who spent all day as outright or joint leader — to putt.

More than six years after getting the last of her five LPGA Tour titles, the 76th-ranked Stanford, put her hands to her mouth in surprise before beginning an emotional round of television interviews.

The result ensured American women extended a streak of winning at least one major title each year since Evian was added as the fifth in 2013.

Olson, who led by three shots with five holes to play, was stoic about a career-best result that ended by three-putting.

"It's disappointing to finish like that," said the 26-year-old Olson, whose previous best finish in an LPGA event was tied for seventh in 2014. "I committed to every shot and did everything I could."

Playing in the second-last group, Stanford started the day five shots back of Olson who had a two-shot lead over Kim.

The leaderboard changed little on the front nine until Olson made bogey at the par-3 8th. She stayed as joint leader with Kim on 13 under — three shots clear — only when Kim's putt from off the same green hit the pin and stayed out.

Olson's two-shot lead was soon restored after Kim's double bogey 6 at the 10th.

She padded her lead to three with a tap-in for birdie at the par-5 13th.

Two more Americans, Stanford and Ernst, joined Kim three behind Olson, who let a good chance slip at the par-5 15th after her short approach chip to the green was weak.

In a wild ride for Stanford, she joined Olson on 13-under after making eagle at the 15th, then gave back both shots when she found thick rough below the par-3 16th green. Soon, Stanford was punching the air with her right fist on sinking a 25-footer for birdie on the 17th.

Olson went to the 17th with a one-shot lead on 13 under as Ernst set a clubhouse target of 11 under. Her bogey-free 68 saw several putts lip out. □



Angela Stanford of the U.S. poses with her trophy after winning the Evian Championship women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

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# Saints narrowly prolong Browns' winless streak 21-18



New Orleans Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas, left, scores a touchdown over Cleveland Browns cornerback Denzel Ward during the second half of an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

Associated Press

By **BRETT MARTEL**

**AP Sports Writer**

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints needed less than 10 minutes to obliterate what looked like a milestone victory for the seemingly cursed Cleveland Browns. Wil Lutz kicked a 44-yard field goal with 21 seconds left, Cleveland kicker Zane Gonzalez pushed the second of his two missed field goals wide right in the final seconds, and the Saints held on for a 21-18 victory that extended the Browns' winless streak to 19 games. "These are games that we find we find our identity a little bit," Brees said, alluding to New Orleans' inability to score more than three points until the first of Michael Thomas' two touchdown catches with 8:41 to go. "These are games that, hey, you didn't have your best stuff, but you found a way."

With the help of another Cleveland collapse, Gonzalez also missed two extra points, one week after his potential winning field goal was blocked in

a season-opening tie with Pittsburgh. His final miss came from 52 yards.

"It snowballed," Gonzalez said, acknowledging the psychological effect of earlier misses that he hooked left before pushing his final miss the other way. "I was overcompensating. I get paid to make those kicks and I have to make them."

Gonzalez's tough day represented only a portion of Cleveland's implosion. Defensive back Derrick Kindred's defensive holding penalty on what would have been a third-down sack extended New Orleans' first touchdown drive, which ended with Thomas' 2-yard catch and cut Cleveland's lead to 12-10.

With just less than five minutes left, Saints safety Marcus Williams intercepted Tyrod Taylor in Cleveland territory on a pass Taylor threw back over the middle as he was rolling to his right.

"You never want to throw late down the middle," Taylor said.

"That's something I need to be better at. That play was not good for us. You can't put your team in that situation."

The turnover led to New Orleans' second TD on a 5-yard fade to Thomas, who said he was determined to make up for his fumble earlier in the game. Thomas outjumped two defenders to make the catch.

"Enough was enough," Thomas said. "I needed to respond and help my teammates, and that's what I did. And I still owe them."

Brees finished 28 for 35 for 243 yards and two TDs for New Orleans (1-1). Thomas caught 12 passes for 89 yards.

Taylor was 22 of 30 for 246 yards, one TD and one interception. Jarvis Landry had five catches for 69 yards, and Carlos Hyde scored on a 1-yard TD run. It wasn't enough for the Browns (0-1-1), who were very close to starting 2-0.

"It's tough, but we got a lot of football left to play," Landry said.

**GOOD KAMARA**

Alvin Kamara, the 2017 offensive rookie of the year, continued to be a bright spot in a largely frustrating day for New Orleans' offense. His seemingly slippery running style continued to produce yards after contact and he wound up with 99 yards from scrimmage, including 53 on six catches.

His run for a late 2-point conversion gave the Saints an 18-12 lead and made a difference after Taylor found rookie receiver Antonio Callaway for a 47-yard, all-or-nothing TD heave on fourth-and-5 with 1:16 to go.

Gonzalez missed a point-after kick for the second time, and Brees' 42-yard completion to Ted Ginn Jr. set up Lutz' go-ahead kick.

**TURNOVERS**

The Browns, who forced six turnovers against Pittsburgh in Week 1, recovered two more fumbles when Thomas and Ginn were both stripped after receptions. Browns defensive tackle Larry Ogunjobi sacked Brees twice and would have had a third if not for Kindred's penalty.

Overall, it was a strong showing for the unit coached by coordinator Gregg Williams, who held the same job in New Orleans when the Saints won their only Super Bowl.

**INJURIES**

Browns: Safety Damarious Randall received treatment on the field after being in on a tackle in the second quarter.

Saints: Tommylee Lewis received treatment for what the club described as a knee injury after a big hit during a punt return in the second quarter.

He was listed as questionable to return to the game. ... Defensive tackle Sheldon Rankins left in the fourth quarter after taking a hit to the head. He said after the game his face mask was pushed into his nose but that he did not have a concussion. □

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# Lockout looming? NHL is 1 year away from key labor deadline

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP Hockey Writer

Connor McDavid heard teammates talking about another potential lockout when he entered the NHL — in 2015.

As he became one of hockey's best players and signed the richest annual contract in the league, McDavid says he remains optimistic there will not be another work stoppages like those in 2004-05 and 2012-13 — but he protected himself anyway with contract language guaranteeing some early payment, just in case.

"Both parties have kind of prepared so long for it," McDavid said. "I genuinely believe that both sides want to keep playing. We want to play and the owners want to keep making money."

The NHL has reached almost \$5 billion in revenue, up from just \$437 million in 1993, and is in the midst of a U.S. TV deal with NBC that pays \$2 billion and a Canadian TV deal with Sportsnet that pays almost \$5 billion. The growth and popularity of NHL hockey is undeniable, yet labor issues are bubbling beneath the veneer — again.

The current collective bargaining agreement cannot be terminated until September 2020, but there is a key date looming 12 months from now: On Sept. 1, 2019, the league has the option and then, on Sept. 15, the Players' Association has the option to terminate the labor pact.

Another battle is brewing, with revenue, escrow payments and the Olympics among the top issues expected to be on the table. "Everyone has a pretty good understanding of what the PA's trying to get

done and what the NHL's trying to get done," New York Rangers forward Chris Kreider said. "I don't think

agreeing to participate in the 2018 Olympics. As much as players wanted to go, they rejected that deal

of your contract? I think that's a kick you-know-where. I don't agree with that, and I think there's a

calendar should be. But I would like to believe that we could figure out a way to do that.

So is (going to the Olympics) definitely going to be a subject of collective bargaining? I can't say that yet. Is it possible? Of course."

Given that lockouts wiped out the 2004-05 season and reduced it to 48 games in 2013, some star players and their agents looked ahead to a potential work stoppage in 2020 or 2022. According to PuckPedia, 77 players have signing bonuses in their contracts for the 2020-21 season totaling over \$252 million — an increase of more than 10 percent from the amount of players who have bonuses in 2019-20.

McDavid has \$12 million of his \$13 million salary that season in a signing bonus paid in July, Toronto's John Tavares will make \$11.09 million of his \$12 million with the lump sum and many other top players have the so-called lockout protections in their contracts — just in case.

"I just hope as a player that I don't try to be looking at things differently or selfishly because I've earned that money ahead of time where obviously maybe other players haven't," Tavares said.

"I think you try to put yourself in the middle and try to look at things objectively.

"I think obviously, unfortunately, the last few times there's been opportunities for the CBA to be negotiated, there's been lengthy labor stoppages and something that obviously I had to consider.

When you see that as part of history, you worry that that trend is going to continue." □



In this June 20, 2018, file photo, Gary Bettman, commissioner of the National Hockey League, poses on the red carpet before the NHL Awards in Las Vegas. Bettman was selected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Associated Press

the conversation about (hockey-related revenue) is going away any time soon. It's such a kind of ambiguous and often argued-about point. I know guys want to go to the Olympics, and I know guys don't like escrow."

NHLPA executive director Don Fehr told The Associated Press he didn't necessarily expect one side or the other to reopen labor talks but "that's what you plan for, and you sort of assume it's going to happen because otherwise you're not ready."

Commissioner Gary Bettman told The AP he's "a fan of stability and labor peace. We're not looking for a dispute."

Bettman proposed a three-year extension of the current CBA through 2025 in exchange for the league

— a signal they have concerns with the deal signed in 2013.

One of the prevailing player complaints is having upward of 10 percent of their paychecks held in escrow to conform to the 50/50 split of revenue with owners.

The salary cap goes up, but if revenue doesn't grow in proportion, players forfeit a percentage of their pay.

"I don't care how much money you make or what you do, you sign a contract, you feel like you've earned that and you expect that your employer is going to hold up his end of the deal," Chicago Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews said.

"At the end of each season to be told that they're going to take back 10 or 12 or 15 or sometimes 20 percent

lot of things the NHL can do to promote the game and enhance the business side of the game. Their mistakes shouldn't be coming out of the players' pockets."

The ultimate goal is to grow business big enough that escrow is reduced to zero and contracts are worth exactly as they're written. Players consider the Olympics one opportunity to grow the game.

Bettman and the owners say stopping the season for two weeks is a significant disruption, but the Olympics will be a point of internal discussion and could extend to bargaining talks.

"We need a long-term international calendar agreement with the owners," Fehr said. "And I think they share that view even if we have significantly different views as to what that



# Close win means Alvarez and Golovkin could do it again

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Alvarez and Golovkin showcased their skills — and their sport — at the highest level in a fight that one judge scored a draw and two others had Alvarez by a narrow 115-113 score. Both fighters thought they had won. Both fighters probably deserved a win. But it was Alvarez, the Mexican hero, who proudly carried the belts out of the ring after a bruising 12 rounds that ended with both fighters bloodied and bruised before a roaring crowd of 21,965.

"It's one of the happiest days of my life," said Alvarez, who fought Golovkin to a draw a year earlier and had to deal with a positive test for a performance enhancing drug while preparing for the rematch. It wasn't so happy for Golovkin, the slugger from Kazakhstan who for years walked through whoever was put in front of him. Golovkin rallied in the final rounds to make the fight close, only to listen in disbelief once again as he wasn't declared the winner. "I feel like I'm a champion but he's also a champion,"



**Canelo Alvarez, left, and Gennady Golovkin embrace after a middleweight title boxing match, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, in Las Vegas. Alvarez won by majority decision.**

Golovkin said. "It was a fight of two champions tonight." Indeed it was, as Alvarez abandoned his strategy from the first fight to box moving forward against Golovkin. It was a risky strategy but paid off — though just barely. Though Triple G and his handlers were careful not to criticize the decision, promoter Tom Loeffler admitted later that it was

tough to win a decision in an arena packed with Alvarez fans on Mexican Independence Day weekend. "I don't know if we can win a decision in Las Vegas," Loeffler said. Ringside punch stats showed a close fight, though they favored Golovkin by a small margin. Golovkin was credited with landing 234 of 879 punches while Alvarez landed 203 of

622. Unlike many close decisions in boxing, though, there was no huge outcry, largely because the fight was almost too close to call. "It was me who pushed him back, me who was most aggressive," Alvarez said through an interpreter. "Unfortunately we didn't get the knockout, but we got the victory." Alvarez said before the

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fight that he was angry with Golovkin over his beliefs that Alvarez was juiced for their first fight, and would try and knock him out. But few believed he would be the aggressor in a fight against a boxer with big power in both hands. He was just that, though, in a spirited fight that had no knockdowns but plenty of action. Alvarez controlled the middle rounds as Triple G seemed to tire, but Golovkin fans thought their fighter pulled it out late. Alvarez said afterward that he wanted to fight again in December, and could against David Lemieux, the Canadian who scored a first-round knockout over Ireland's Gary O'Sullivan on the undercard. With the lure of big money in a third fight with Golovkin, the two could meet again in May for a trilogy that is rare in boxing these days. For now, though, Alvarez can celebrate his biggest win at a crucial time in his career as he tries to cement his status as a storied Mexican fighting great. "It's very important for me to have a victory for my country," he said. "This victory will give a lot of pride to my country." □

# Islanders beat Flyers 3-0 at Nassau Coliseum

**UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) —** Kieffer Bellows and Cal Clutterbuck scored power-play goals in the first period to help the New York Islanders beat the Philadelphia Flyers 3-0 on Sunday in the preseason opener for both teams. Bellows opened the scoring at 6:55, and Clutterbuck connected with 4:14 left in the period. Sebastian Aho added a second-period goal. Robin Lehner and Christopher Gibson split time in goal, with Lehner making eight saves and Gibson stopping nine shots. Anthony Stolarz stopped 13 of 15 shots in his half of the game, and Alex Lyon stopped nine of 10 shots. The game was played at the refurbished Nassau Coliseum, the Islanders' home from 1972-73 through 2014-



**New York Islanders Kieffer Bellows, (20) celebrates with team mates after scoring, during the first period of a preseason NHL hockey game against Philadelphia Flyers in New York, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.**

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15 before they moved to Barclays Center in Brooklyn. Awaiting a new arena at Belmont Park, the Islanders will split games between Nassau Coliseum and Barclays Center. This season, they will play 20 of their 41 home games at Nassau Coliseum. **BRUINS 2, CAPITALS 1, SO** In Boston, Zane McIntyre made 21 saves in Boston's victory over Stanley Cup champion Washington. Jakub Lauko scored for the Bruins in the first period, and Brett Connolly tied it in the second. Danton Heinen had the only goal in the shootout. Pheonix Copley and Vitek Vanecek split time in goal for Washington. Copley stopped 21 of 22, and Vanecek stopped all 12 shots he faced. □



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## Grand Tour sweep for Britain as Yates wins Spanish Vuelta

By **TALES AZZONI**  
AP Sports Writer

**MADRID (AP)**—Simon Yates won his first Grand Tour title after a largely ceremonial ride into Madrid in the final stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday, giving British riders a sweep of the season's three biggest races.

The 26-year-old Englishman was dominant throughout the three-week race across Spain, thriving on the toughest climbs and the flattest routes to secure the victory after a last stage in which riders didn't attack the leaders under cycling tradition.

Yates' Vuelta title means Britain has swept the three Grand Tours. Geraint Thomas of Wales won the Tour

de France in July and Kenyan-born British rider Chris Froome the Giro d'Italia in May.

Froome was the defending Vuelta champion and also won the Tour de France last year, meaning Britain has five straight Grand Tour victories.

"It's astonishing really," Yates said. "Growing up I was so accustomed to seeing the French, Italian and Spanish riders lead the way, so for myself, Chris and Geraint to all win a Grand Tour in the same year just shows how far the sport has come in this country."

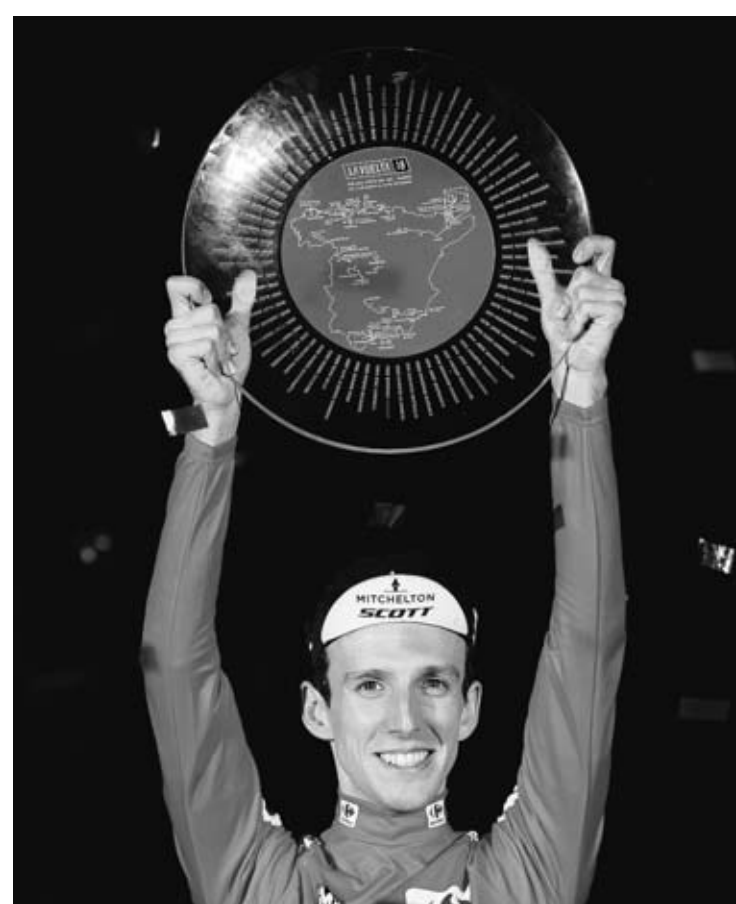
Thomas and Froome skipped the race in Spain this year.

Italian rider Elia Viviani won

the final sprint for his third stage win in this year's Vuelta, with Peter Sagan close behind him.

Yates, who rides for team Mitchelton-Scott, successfully defended his lead of almost two minutes in Saturday's demanding 20th stage, the last competitive one since the peloton took off from Malaga on Aug. 25. On Sunday, riders mostly paraded in a 100.9-kilometer (62.7-mile) route from the city of Alcorcon to the center of the Spanish capital.

Yates held the leader's red jersey through stages 9-11, then won stage 14 in the northwestern Picos de Europa mountains to take full control of the race until the



British rider Simon Yates of the Mitchelton-Scott team celebrates on the podium after winning the La Vuelta cycling race in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018.

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## Mayer sets decathlon WR after Kipchoge runs fastest marathon

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**  
AP Sports Writer

**PARIS (AP)**—On a spectacular day for track and field fans, Kevin Mayer of France set a decathlon world record in front of a home crowd, just hours after Eliud Kipchoge smashed the marathon world record in Berlin.

Competing at the Decastar event in southwestern France, world champion Mayer amassed a total of 9,126 points, improving on the previous record of 9,045 set by American athlete Ashton Eaton at the 2015 world championships in Beijing.

Earlier, Kipchoge clocked 2:01:39 at the Berlin Marathon.

The 33-year-old overturned the previous world record set in Berlin by fellow Kenyan Dennis Kimetto in 2014 by 1 minute, 18 seconds.

"I lack words to describe this day," Kipchoge said after becoming the first person to finish a marathon in less than 2 hours and 2 minutes.

In the decathlon, Mayer fell on his back in celebration after he crossed the line of the 1,500 meters — the last of 10 events — in 4 minutes, 36.11 seconds, a time he knew would guarantee him the record.

Mayer came to Talence on the back of a disappointing showing at last month's European Championship, where he was eliminated after three fouls in the long jump.

Eaton congratulated Mayer for his performance in a message posted on Twitter.

"That was an incredible display of ability!" he wrote. "Important thing to me has always been to keep pushing the limit and



Eliud Kipchoge runs to win the 45th Berlin Marathon in Berlin, Germany, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018. Eliud Kipchoge set a new world record in 2 hours 1 minute 39 seconds.

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inspiring others to do the same. The more 9k can become commonplace the better."□

end.

Spain's Enric Mas, from team Quick-Step Floors, won Saturday's difficult stage in Andorra and finished second in the general classification, 1 minute, 46 seconds behind Yates. Miguel Angel Lopez of Colombia, from the Astana Pro Team, was third, more than two minutes off the lead.

"It's been a great moment to appear on the final podium," Mas said.

"It was my goal although I kept it for myself coming into the race ... I hope for more moments like this in the future, including on the top spot."

Veteran Spaniard Alejandro Valverde was in contention from the first day but failed to keep pace with Yates on Saturday, dropping to fifth for Movistar in the final overall

standings. Steven Kruijswijk of Team Lotto NL-Jumbo finished ahead of Valverde in fourth place.

Yates had already come close to a Grand Tour victory in the Giro d'Italia in May, a race he led for 13 stages before losing the lead to eventual winner Froome with two days left.

"It's still hard to believe that I've won," Yates said. "I was disappointed to not win the Giro but I've made it up. I'm in shock. I got really nervous when I went on stage. My natural habitat is on the bike. I enjoyed the moment. It was a very special one."

Yates made his Grand Tour debut in the 2014 Tour de France. In last year's Tour, he won the young rider's classification, finishing seventh overall. Movistar ended first in the overall team classification.□



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## Apple, Firefox tools aim to thwart Facebook, Google tracking

By ANICK JESDANUN

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook and other companies routinely track your online surfing habits to better target ads at you. Two web browsers now want to help you fight back in what's becoming an escalating privacy arms race.

New protections in Apple's Safari and Mozilla's Firefox browsers aim to prevent companies from turning "cookie" data files used to store sign-in details and preferences into broader trackers that take note of what you read, watch and research on other sites.

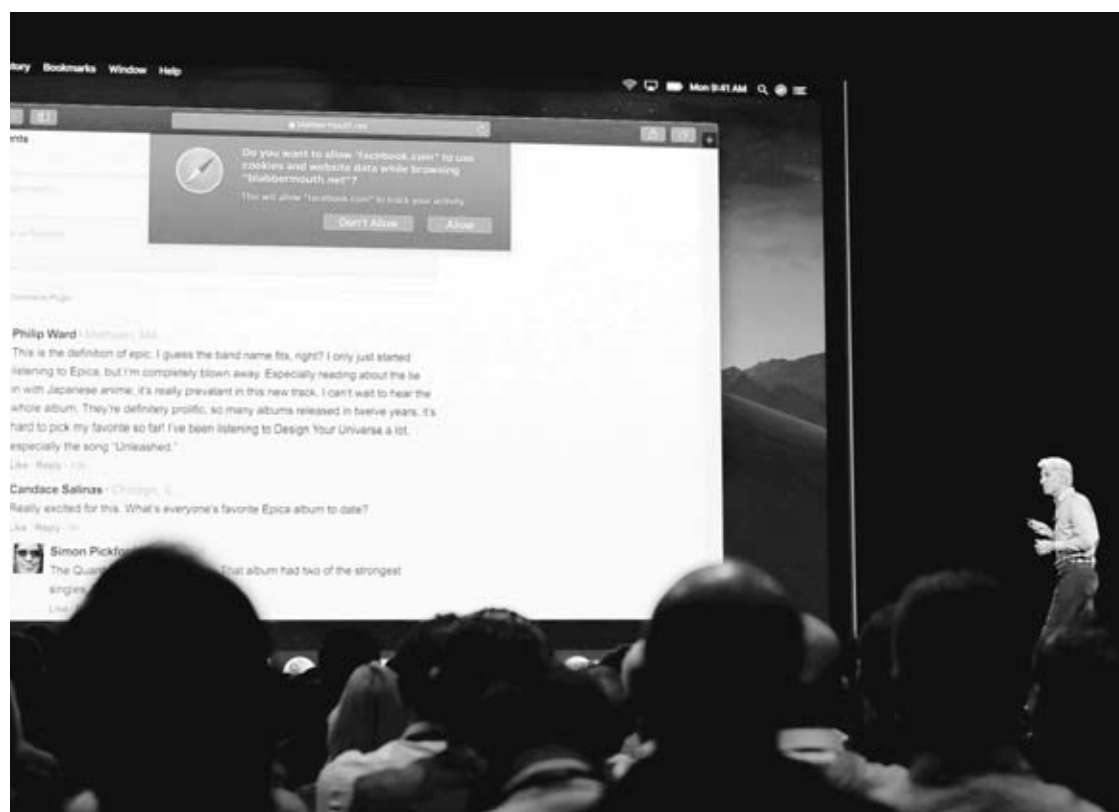
Lance Cottrell, creator of the privacy service Anonymizer, said Apple's effort was particularly significant, as it takes aim at a technique developed by tracking companies to override users' attempts to delete their cookies.

Safari makes these protections automatic in updates coming Tuesday to iPhones and iPads and a week later to Mac computers. Firefox has similar protections on Apple mobile devices and is rolling out them out to personal computers in the coming months.

To get the protections, you'll have to break your habit of using Google's Chrome browser, which by some estimates has more than half of the worldwide browser usage. Safari and Firefox have less than 20 percent combined.

Even then, Safari and Firefox can't entirely stop tracking. For starters, they won't block tracking when you're using Facebook or Google itself. Nor can they help much when you use phone or tablet apps, unless the app happens to embed Safari, as Twitter's iPhone app does.

But Will Strafach, a mobile security expert who is de-



In this June 4, 2018, photo Craig Federighi, Apple's senior vice president of Software Engineering, speaks during an announcement of new products at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, Calif.

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signing data security tools for phones, said imperfect protection is better than no protection. He notes that burglars can still break down a door, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't bother locking it.

Cookies and other trackers can be used by companies to keep track of who you are as you move from website to website. The companies can build a digital profile as you, say, read about Democratic or Republican viewpoints, buy a particular brand of pet food or indulge in the entire season of "Keeping Up With The Kardashians."

News, video and other third-party sites use Google and Facebook cookies to customize ads to your hobbies and interests, rather than hawking products you might never buy. That's why you might see an ad for shoes soon after searching for them elsewhere.

Apple says its tests show

that some popular websites are embedded with more than 70 such trackers. Many of these are from Facebook and Google, which are expected to command a combined 57 percent of the \$107 billion U.S. digital advertising market this year, according to the research group eMarketer.

Though general awareness of data collection has grown in the wake of Facebook's Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal, how trackers work behind the scenes remains a mystery to many people.

Ghostery and other products have long offered tracking protection. The browsers are now trying to incorporate that directly so you don't have to go looking for browser add-ons.

Safari will try to automatically distinguish cookies that are useful from ones that are there just to track you. Apple notes that

cookies can appear in unexpected places, such as sites that embed "like" and "share" buttons. Now, those cookies will be blocked until you click on one of those buttons, in which case you'll be prompted for permission to allow the tracking. If you don't, your "like" won't register.

Safari is also attacking a technique developed to circumvent cookie deletions. Through "fingerprinting," a company can identify you through your computer's characteristics, such as browser type and fonts installed. Your new cookie can then be tied to your old profile. Safari will now limit the technical details it sends.

Firefox has an anti-tracking feature that also tries to distinguish tracking cookies from useful ones. It's on by default only on Apple's mobile devices. Mozilla is testing a broader rollout for personal computers,

though its plans for Android are not yet known. For now, you need to turn it on or use a private-browsing mode, which gets more aggressive at killing cookies, including useful ones.

For PCs, Firefox also has an optional add-on, called Facebook Container, to segregate your Facebook activity from everything else. Think of it as a wall that prevents Facebook from accessing its data cookie as you surf elsewhere. A version is available for other trackers, too, but requires configuration on your part. None of the Firefox tools, though, address fingerprinting. Unsurprisingly, advertisers aren't happy.

In a statement, Interactive Advertising Bureau executive Dennis Buchheim said that even as browsers makers feel pressured to deliver privacy-centric features, they should consider the importance of advertising in enabling free services.

The new Safari and Firefox tools don't block ads. But without cookies, websites might get paid a lot less for them, said Jed Williams, chief innovation officer at the Local Media Association, an industry group for news publishers.

Apple and Mozilla are able to push the boundaries on privacy because neither depends on advertising. Google makes most of its money from selling ads.

Facebook and Google declined comment on the Safari and Firefox tools. But Google said its Chrome browser offers tools to control and delete cookies and set preferences for certain websites. Google says users can also decline personalization and get generic ads instead, though tracking continues in the background while using the company's services. □



# An old problem: Aging pipelines lead to deadly explosions

By **CATHY BUSSEWITZ**  
AP Business Writer

The natural gas pipeline in the United States is vast, sprawling across 2.5 million miles in a complex pressurized system that delivers a quarter of the energy consumed nationwide, according to the American Gas Association. Many of the pipes are old, and utilities are in various stages of replacing them to improve safety.

There have been more than 300 fatalities and 1,200 injuries caused by natural gas pipeline incidents in the last 20 years, according to data from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the federal agency responsible for overseeing the industry. As residents recover from Thursday's stunning explosions in Lawrence, Mass., many wonder what they can do to protect themselves.

A series of fiery natural gas explosions three towns north of Boston killed a teenager, injured at least 25 others and left dozens of homes in smoldering ruins. The cause is under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board, but the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency said the fires may have resulted from gas lines that had become over-pressurized. Following fatal gas pipeline incidents, the Department of Transportation in 2011 called on the industry to replace aging pipelines, particularly those made of cast and wrought iron and bare steel that pose the highest risk.

More than 177 million people nationwide use natural gas in their homes and businesses to provide heat, cook and dry clothes, according to the American Gas Association. Columbia Gas — the company whose pipelines exploded Thursday — and its parent company NiSource serve 3.4 million natural gas customers across seven Eastern states.

**HOW IS NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTED?**

Natural gas is a fossil fuel found deep beneath the

earth's surface that's mostly made up of methane. It is extracted from the ground and distributed in pipelines that span 2.5 million miles nationwide.

The gas is delivered to customers initially through high-pressure pipelines and it goes through a process to reduce its pressure before entering smaller pipelines and eventually homes and businesses.

"In some places, we have 100-year-old gas lines coming up to people's houses," said Bob Ackley, owner of Gas Safety, Inc., a Massachusetts-based company. **WHEN HAVE THERE BEEN SIMILAR EXPLOSIONS?**

In February, gas-related fires in Dallas killed a 12-year-old girl, destroyed three residences and injured others. A review by the National Transportation Safety Board later found that several sections of pipe near the incident site failed pressure tests. A gas explosion in 2014 killed eight people in New York City, and the utility Consolidated Edison later agreed to pay \$153 million to settle charges that it violated safety regulations.

In 2011, five people were killed by a natural gas explosion in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and regulators called the utility's safety record "downright alarming." Eight people were killed and 38 homes were destroyed in San Bruno, Calif. in 2010 when a Pacific Gas and Electric gas pipeline exploded.

**WHAT CAN UTILITIES DO TO IMPROVE SAFETY?**

Utilities nationwide are continually replacing older pipelines made of cast iron or certain types of steel with newer steel or plastic pipes, according to the American Gas Association. Many, including NiSource, accelerated those efforts after the deadly San Bruno incident, said Charles Fishman, an analyst with Morningstar Research Services who covers NiSource and other utilities.

"There was a real tragedy, and I think that woke people up across the country," Fishman said. "The whole



A man on a bicycle rides past a house destroyed by fire on Springfield St in Lawrence, Mass., Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.

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industry said wait a second here, we've got all these old pipelines, there's a lot of disasters waiting to happen."

NiSource was spending \$80 million to \$120 million annually in Massachusetts to modernize its infrastructure, spending the vast majority on replacing aging gas pipelines, Fishman said. Those efforts are likely to accelerate, but "you can't tear up every street in the downtown at the same time...and it would dramatically increase the cost to do it really, really quick," he added.

After the deadly New York gas explosion in 2014, Con Ed set in motion a fleet of trucks that drives around the streets of New York City with leak detection equipment, passing each customer location at least once a month. The com-

pany also began a bilingual campaign to inform customers they should call whenever they suspect a gas leak.

Incidents have also occurred when gas lines were damaged during excavation, and some utilities have installed above-ground markers to indicate the location of buried gas lines, according to the American Gas Association.

**WHAT CAN CONSUMERS DO TO STAY SAFE?**

If people think they smell gas in their homes, experts say they should leave the house or building immediately and call 911. They should not light a match, make a cell phone call or turn on lights or appliances since that can cause a spark.

To be proactive, homeowners also can call their utilities or fire departments

to request to have their gas lines checked for leaks and to learn where the pipelines are in their homes. "They can request a safety check at any time," Ackley said. □



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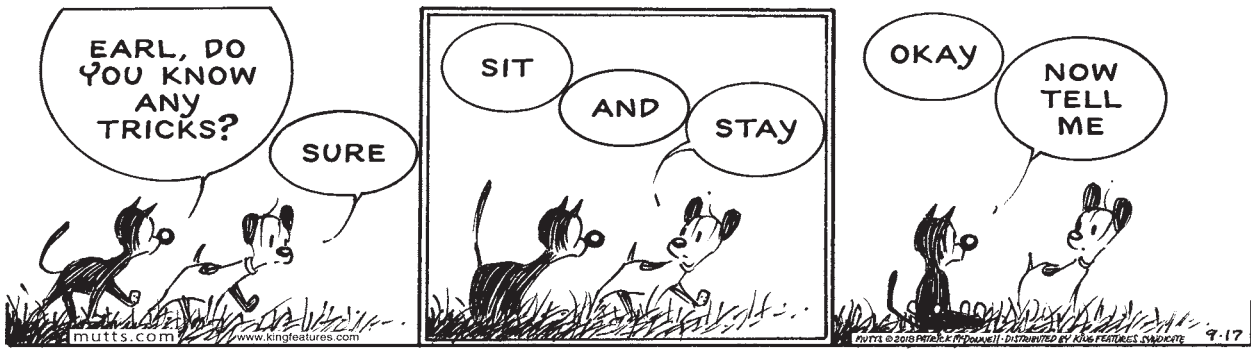
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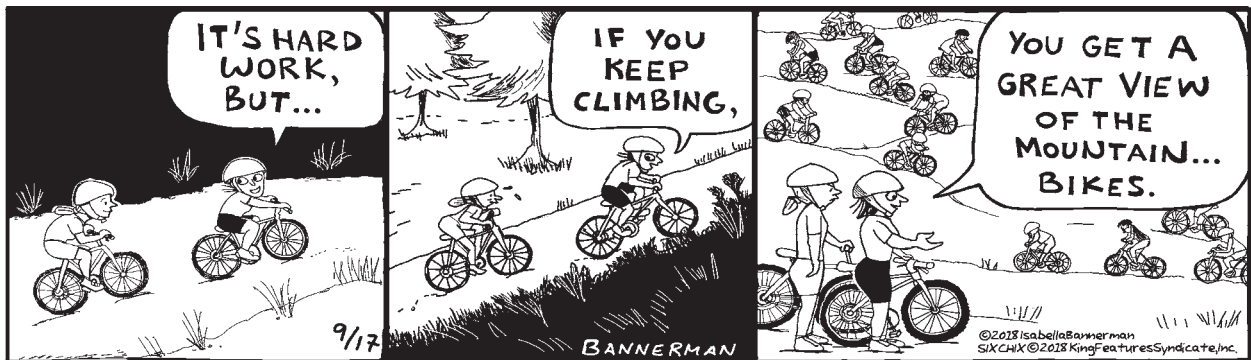
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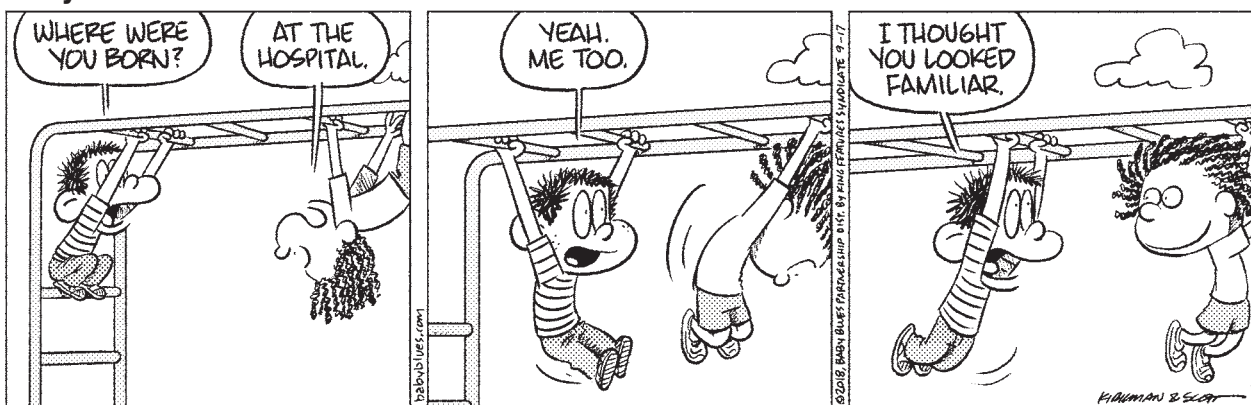
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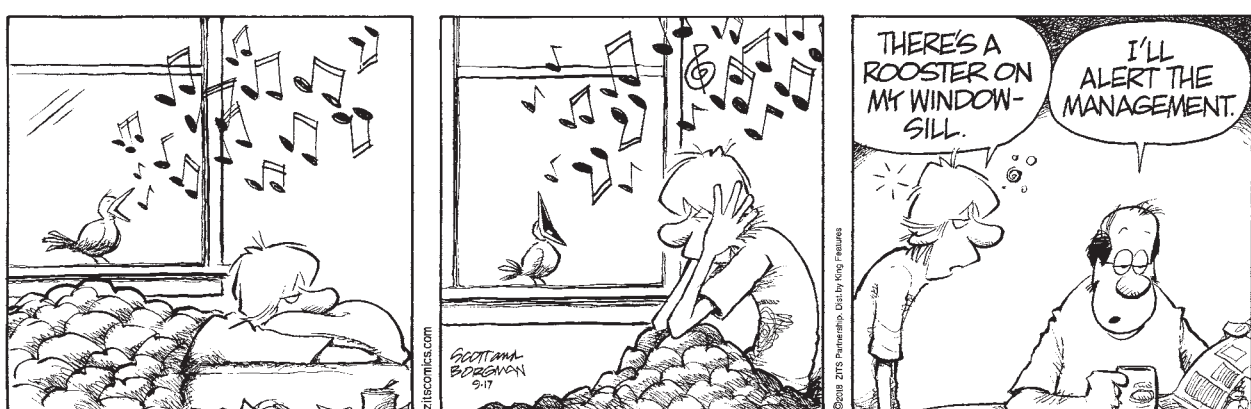
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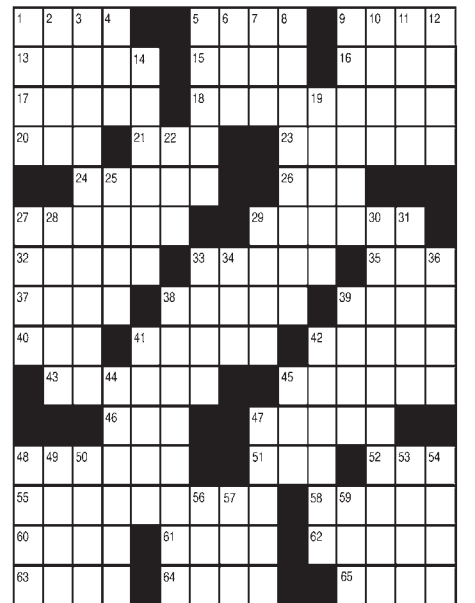
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

3	1	8	4	9	7	5	6	2
4	7	9	5	6	2	1	3	8
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6	3	2	8	4	9	7	5	1
7	9	5	3	2	1	6	8	4
8	4	1	7	5	6	9	2	3
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1	6	7	9	8	3	2	4	5
9	8	4	2	7	5	3	1	6

## ACROSS

- 1 In \_\_\_ than no time; very quickly
- 5 Emulates Jean-Claude Killy
- 9 Urge forward
- 13 Boxer \_\_\_ De La Hoya
- 15 Gave, but expected back
- 16 Out of \_\_\_; misbehaving
- 17 Give one's views
- 18 Stupidity
- 20 90 degrees from WNW
- 21 Depressed
- 23 \_\_\_ up; prepare to kiss
- 24 Lasso's end
- 26 Lemon meringue \_\_\_
- 27 Iron and tin
- 29 At \_\_\_; haphazardly
- 32 Similar
- 33 Boasts
- 35 Dyer's tub
- 37 Velvety green ground cover
- 38 Portion
- 39 Go out with
- 40 Isn't \_\_\_ to; probably won't
- 41 Easy to access
- 42 Powerful winds
- 43 Grade-school compositions
- 45 Bits of gossip
- 46 That fellow
- 47 Tribal leader
- 48 Bitter conflict
- 51 Decay
- 52 Actress Wray
- 55 Foul language
- 58 Barcelona buddy
- 60 Vienna's nation: abbr.
- 61 Ensnare
- 62 Happen again
- 63 Pegs for Palmer
- 64 Current calendar pg.
- 65 Computer tech, perhaps
- 4 Word with Juan or Antonio
- 5 Piece of playground equipment
- 6 Beer barrel
- 7 Hotel
- 8 Work \_\_\_; strike
- 9 Situated
- 10 Skater's oval
- 11 \_\_\_ in a blue moon; seldom
- 12 Forest creature
- 14 Install new shoe bottoms
- 19 In \_\_\_; destroyed
- 22 Pack animal
- 25 Shade trees
- 27 May honoree
- 28 Wed secretly
- 29 Risqué
- 30 Trump's workroom
- 31 Alma \_\_\_; one's old school
- 33 Canisters
- 34 Scarlet or ruby
- 36 "\_\_\_ of the d'Urbervilles"
- 38 Remittances sent in
- 39 British title
- 41 Large Israeli port city
- 42 Stringed instrument
- 44 Changes gears
- 45 Greek letter
- 47 Burial chamber
- 48 Argument
- 49 Word of agreement
- 50 Late Kennedy matriarch
- 53 Malarial fever
- 54 New \_\_\_ City
- 56 Anger
- 57 Touch lightly
- 59 Nickname for Margaret



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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# Maine's rebuilt scallop fishery looks to year of more growth

**PORTLAND, Maine (AP)** — Maine's scallop fishermen are looking at another year of conservative management, and members of the industry say that could be the best way to make sure the fishery continues rebuilding.

Maine is known for producing scallops that are somewhat bigger than other East Coast states, and some are plucked from the icy waters by hand during winter. Others are harvested by boats with fishing gear. The Maine Department of Marine Resources has said strict management of the harvest has allowed the scallops to rebuild from collapse in the mid-2000s.

The state is looking to continue that trend this year with a season that keeps fishermen restricted to tight limits on the number of pounds they can harvest. Fishermen are also limited in the number of days they can fish, and the state is looking to trim a few days. That suits scallop seller Togue Brawn, owner of Downeast Dayboat, just fine.

"It took a lot of heavy lifting to get it where it is today," she said. "I applaud any efforts toward conservation." The scallop fishery bottomed out at just over 33,000 pounds in 2005, and the state responded by applying conservation measures, such as rotating areas where scallopers could fish year after year.

Last year, fishermen harvested nearly 800,000 pounds, which was the most in 20 years.

"We are hopeful that the recent upward trend in landings are attributed, in part, to the conservation measures that have been developed," said Melissa



In this Dec. 17, 2011 file photo, scallop meat is shucked at sea on opening day off Harpswell, Maine.

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Smith, a marine resource management coordinator with the state.

The state divides the fishery into three scalloping zones. The most productive fishing grounds are in Zone 3, which includes Cobscook Bay. The state is looking to shave the number of fishing days in that area from 55 to 50 this year.

Closures cause grumbling among fishermen, but the conservative approach

has helped rebuild the fishery at large, said James Ackley, a scalloper out of Machias, which is not far from Cobscook.

"They're doing what they think is best. Right or wrong, time will tell," he said.

The state is taking comments about the proposed rules until Sept. 24. The first fishing would begin on Dec. 1 and the last could take place as late as April 20. □

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# 2 storms, Florence and Mangkhut, different as water and wind

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nature expresses its fury in sundry ways. Two deadly storms — Hurricane Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut — roared ashore on the same day, half a world apart, but the way they spread devastation was as different as water and wind.

Storms in the western Pacific generally hit with much higher winds and the people who live in their way are often poorer and more vulnerable, Princeton University hurricane and climate scientist Gabriel Vecchi said Saturday. That will likely determine the type of destruction.

Mangkhut made landfall Friday on the northeastern tip of Luzon island in the Philippines with top-of-the-scale Category 5 winds of 165 mph. Florence had weakened to a Category 1 storm with 90 mph winds by the time it arrived at North Carolina's coast.

Yet a day after landfall the faster-moving Mangkhut was back out over open water — weakened, but headed across the South China Sea toward China. Florence, meanwhile, was still plodding across South Carolina at a pace slower than a normal person walks. By Saturday morning, it had already dumped more than 30 inches (76 centimeters) of rain, a record for North Carolina.

Experts say Mangkhut may well end up being the deadlier storm. As of Saturday afternoon, the death count in the Philippines was a bit higher, although still far below that of other storms that have hit the disaster-prone island nation. And with Mangkhut now headed toward the



In this Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, file photo, a resident walks beside a toppled basketball court after Typhoon Mangkhut barreled across Tuguegarao city, Cagayan province, northeastern Philippines.

densely populated southeast coast of China, it is likely to cause more death and destruction. But watery Florence's insured losses total will eventually be higher, Ernst Rauch, head of climate research for the world's largest reinsurer Munich Re, told German media.

That's because of a combination of geography, climatic conditions and human factors.

The western Pacific has two-and-a-half times more storms that reach the minimum hurricane strength of 74 mph. It has three-and-a-half times more storms that reach major hurricane strength of 111 mph, and three times more accumulated energy out of those hurricanes, an index that measures not just strength and number of storms but

how long they last, according to more than 65 years of storm data.

So far this year there have been 23 named storms in the western Pacific and 10 in the Atlantic, both regions more than 30 percent busier than average years. Hurricanes and typhoons are the same type of storm; both are tropical cyclones, but those that occur in the Pacific west of the International Date Line are called typhoons.

The water in the western Pacific is warmer, and warm water fuels storms. There are also only a few pieces of land to get in the way and weaken them, said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

"If we are ever going to have a Category 6 (a speculated-on level that's above current measurement tools), the western Pacific is where it's going to be," said meteorologist Ryan Maue of weather-models.com.

The Philippines tends to get hit nearly every year, the Carolinas far less frequently though with lots of close calls, Maue said. That shows another big differ-

ence in the storms. Mangkhut formed further south and stayed south — over warmer water. Florence was out of the tropics when it hit land.

Because of that, Florence was weakened by the dry air and upper level winds of the higher latitudes. Not so the more southerly Mangkhut, which Maue said, "essentially had a perfect environment to intensify to a Category 5 and stay there." "Mangkhut and Florence are certainly different animals," said Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach. Because Florence is moving so slowly, he said, it will dump more rain than Mangkhut, which is named for the Thai word for the mangosteen fruit.

Both storms have lasted a long time, especially Florence which formed all the way over near Africa 15 days before landfall, McNoldy said. Both storms cover a large area, but Mangkhut still dwarfs Florence. Mangkhut's tropical storm force winds stretched more than 325 miles from the center, while Florence's spread about 195 miles, Klotzbach said.

Economics also play a role in a storm's impact. As a developing country, the Philippines is much poorer than the southeastern United States, which means houses tend to be less sturdy and first responders less well equipped, among other factors. This is one reason why, when disaster does strike, the effects can be devastating. In 2013, one of the most powerful storms on record, Typhoon Haiyan, killed 7,300 people and displaced more than 5 million when it swept across the islands of the central Philippines. Straddling the famous Pacific Ring of Fire, the Philippines is also bedeviled by volcanoes and earthquakes, and while there are considerable patches of poverty in North and South Carolina, it is not the same as the rural area where Mangkhut hit.

Munich Re's Rauch said about 30 to 50 percent of storm damage is usually insured in the United States but often less than 10 percent in developing countries, meaning nine-tenths of the people hit will end up shouldering a bigger economic burden.

In the United States, "you can't move houses, but people can move out of the way," reflecting mounting damages from storms and often lower losses in life, Vecchi said.

As the world warms from the burning of fossil fuels, the globe will see both more extremely intense storms like Mangkhut and wetter storms like Florence, Vecchi said. □

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# Ethan Hawke spotlights a little-known legend in 'Blaze'

By LINDSEY BAHR  
AP Film Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Ethan Hawke had long been enchanted by the songs of mysterious singer-songwriter Blaze Foley. Foley wrote songs like "If I Could Only Fly," that Willie Nelson covered and would go on to become a Merle Haggard hit, and "Clay Pigeons," which John Prine covered. Townes Van Zandt and Lucinda Williams wrote songs about him after his death at age 39 — he was shot in 1989. And yet his is a name that few outside of the Austin music scene would know.

This could change with the release of "Blaze," now playing in limited release, which Hawke directed and co-wrote and appears in briefly as a radio journalist discovering the legend of

Foley along with the audience. It would take Austin Chronicle co-founder Louis Black to really help Hawke crack the story.

Black asked Hawke if he had read Foley's wife's book.

Hawke responded: "Blaze had a wife?"

It was Sybil Rosen's story, and memoir "Living in the Woods in a Treehouse: Remembering Blaze Foley," that would provide the basis for the film and its exploration of his early years (yes, in a treehouse) to his decline. Once Foley's muse, Rosen, who co-wrote "Blaze" has found that he is her muse as well.

"He didn't know how to tell Blaze's story. He didn't want to do a story about dereliction or addiction," Rosen said. "One of the things I love about the telling of

the movie is that sadness, sorrow and loss are tremendous muses, but they're not the only muses good art can flow from. I wanted to make the point that it was joy and love and nature that unlocked his creativity and not all this loss and sorrow that was to come."

Rosen is played by "Arrested Development" actress Alia Shawkat, and Foley by newcomer Ben Dickey, who is himself a singer-songwriter. The film, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, boasts a rare 100 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

"Blaze" is not, as Hawke and Rosen like to say, "a Wikipedia page" but more of an expression of Foley in all of his forms whether describing the merits of being a legend versus being a star ("stars burn just for them-



In this Sept. 6, 2018 photo, actor-director Ethan Hawke poses for a portrait in New York to promote his film "Blaze."

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selves"), or offending everyone with drunken antics in the recording studio.

"There some lines in Blaze's songs that shatter me," Hawke said in a recent interview. "And they're so simple, it's like a Matisse painting."

"The movie is disguised as a biopic. It's not really a biopic," Hawke said. "It's a love story about human creativity. ... For me, he's telling the legend of a lot of people who are met with

indifference. People whose creativity is real and vibrant and a part of whatever collective consciousness we have as a community."

For Rosen, it's been a cathartic experience.

"I'm endlessly amazed by the impact that he has had on my life and continues to have. How often do you get to fall in love with the same person three times?" Rosen said. "People ask what Blaze would think of the movie. ☐"

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# 'The Predator' gobbles up competition at box office

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — "The Predator" is at the top of the food chain in its first weekend in theaters.

20th Century Fox said Sunday that the film earned an estimated \$24 million from more than 4,000 North American theaters.

But with an \$88 million production price tag, the Shane Black-directed installment in the 30-year-old franchise will be looking to international receipts to offset the cost. This weekend, it earned \$30.7 million from 72 foreign markets, bringing the global total to \$54.7 million.

Domestic audiences were largely male (62 percent) and white (45 percent), and underwhelmed, giving the movie a C+ CinemaScore that echoed the tepid critical response.

Starring Olivia Munn, Sterling K. Brown and Boyd Holbrook, "The Predator" made headlines just weeks before opening when the studio cut a scene that featured an actor who was a registered sex offender. It did



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows a scene from "The Predator."

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not appear to have affected the film's box office performance.

"Any conversation raises awareness," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "If people are talking about it then they're aware of the movie."

Second place went to the "Conjuring" spinoff "The Nun," which added \$18.2 million in its second week-

end. The horror pic has now grossed over \$85 million.

Lionsgate's "A Simple Favor" opened close behind in third place with \$16.1 million. The film from director Paul Feig stars Anna Kendrick as a mommy blogger investigating the disappearance of her friend played by Blake Lively. Feig has referred to it as a "friller," a fun thriller. Female moviegoers drove the solid open-

ing, making up 67 percent of the audience.

"It stood out in the marketplace," said David Spitz, Lionsgate's distribution president. "It kind of became an event film. That's why we exceeded expectations." With a B+ CinemaScore, an older audience that doesn't rush out to theaters opening weekend and positive reviews, the studio expects the film will con-

tinue to play well over the coming weeks.

Fourth and fifth places were neck and neck. According to Sunday estimates, "White Boy Rick," with \$8.8 million, had a slight advantage over "Crazy Rich Asians," which added \$8.7 million and is just shy of hitting \$150 million. "White Boy Rick," based on a true story and starring Matthew McConaughey as the father of a teenage FBI informant, opened in 2,504 theaters.

The Christian film "Unbroken: Path to Redemption" debuted in the No. 9 spot with \$2.4 million. It's based on Laura Hillenbrand's novel about Olympian and World War II veteran Louis Zamperini and picks up where "Unbroken" left off.

September is often a slow time at the box office, making a \$24 million launch somewhat notable, according to Dergarabedian. But while the year to date is still up nearly 9 percent, the weekend itself is down 5.8 percent from last year when "It" was still terrifying audiences and breaking records. □

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**A Simple Favor**  
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JASON STATHAM | RUBY ROSE  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
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# 'Green Book' wins audience award at Toronto Film Festival

By JAKE COYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Peter Farrelly's crowd-pleasing Deep South road trip movie "Green Book" won the Toronto International Film Festival's audience award on Sunday, putting it on an envious path to the Oscars. Toronto's People's Choice Award is one of the most closely watched of the fall festival circuit because it often corresponds with awards-season success. In the past decade, every Toronto People's Choice winner has scored a best-picture nomination at the Academy Awards.

Few pundits pegged "Green Book" as an awards favorite ahead of its world premiere in Toronto. It is, after all, directed by one-half of the sibling duo best known for broad comedies



Actors Viggo Mortensen, left to right, director Peter Farrelly, Octavia Spencer and Mahershala Ali pose on the red carpet before the screening of "Green Book" during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018. Associated Press

like "There's Something About Mary" and "Dumb and Dumber."

But the audience response was rapturous to "Green Book," which stars Mahershala Ali as a classical pianist on a concert tour of the

Deep South in the 1960s. Viggo Mortensen plays the Italian-American bouncer hired to drive him while relying on "The Green Book," the guide for African-American-friendly hotels and restaurants. □





In this Sept. 13, 2018 file photo, Emmy Award statuettes are displayed inside the Lindt Chocolate Lounge inside the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles. The 70th Emmy Awards will be held on Monday.

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## 'Saturday Night Live,' politics, diversity could rule Emmys

By **LYNN ELBER**  
AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — There are critical points about the 70th Emmy Awards to keep in mind, starting with this: The ceremony airs Monday.

Typically held on a Sunday, it was punted one day so this year's host network, NBC, could accommodate its "Sunday Night Football" franchise (New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys, for viewers inclined toward that spectacle).

As for what the 8-11 p.m. EDT awards telecast will offer, the basics are 26 categories with nominees including defending drama champ "The Handmaid's Tale." It's challenged by 2016 winner "Game of Thrones," which aired outside the eligibility window for last year's awards and wants a triumphant (please, not blood-soaked) return.

Comedy series including "Atlanta," "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" and "Insecure" are poised to capitalize on the temporary absence of five-time winner "Veep" and its star Julia Louis-Dreyfus, who nabbed six best-actress trophies. The late Anthony Bourdain, whose "Parts Unknown" was showered with six awards at the recent creative arts Emmy ceremony that preceded the main event, likely will be remembered. Here's more on what to expect from television's biggest night: **LIVE FROM LA, IT'S "SATURDAY NIGHT!"**

Don't be surprised if there's occasional confusion about whether you're watching the Emmys or a very long episode of NBC's "Saturday Night Live."

"SNL" creator Lorne Michaels is producing the awards ceremony. It's hosted by Michael Che and Colin Hanks, who anchor the "Weekend Update" segment of "SNL." Past and present "SNL" players including Kate McKinnon and Tina Fey are presenters, with McKinnon a nominee along with three other cast members and Alec Baldwin, the show's regular Trump impersonator.

The long-running sketch show already claimed seven awards at the creative arts ceremony and is up for three more including best variety sketch series Monday. But don't think "SNL" will hog the stage, according to Hanks. "There will be a lot of people from the 'SNL' family involved. But also a lot of people that are just the stars of television now that have nothing to do with 'SNL,' because people want to see everyone who's on TV," he said.

**DID SOMEONE MENTION POLITICS?**

Awards ceremonies and politics have become in-

creasingly inseparable, and it's likely that President Donald Trump will be the subject of a few — OK, more than a few — punchlines and speeches. That could be the best opportunity for a drinking game, with mentions of Paul Manafort for bonus points.

Hosts Che and Hanks traffic in political satire on "Weekend Update," so it's reasonable to expect they will be here as well. But they played it cool before the awards, with Hanks saying "there might be some, and there might not."

"There's gonna be political jokes. And we're gonna come out on the wrong side of history, for sure. We're aiming toward it," a smiling Che said.

A close-to-home issue likely will be addressed: The sexual-misconduct cloud over the entertainment industry, including last week's firings of CBS Corp. CEO Leslie Moonves and top "60 Minutes" executive Jeff Fager. If not, the #MeToo movement may have something to say.

**BIG TENT**  
The Emmy Awards are opening up wider to diversity, with more than a third of the 101 acting nods announced in July going to ethnic minorities compared to a quarter of the field in 2017. The 2018 awards are already historic: "Saturday Night Live" host Tiffany Haddish and Samira Wiley of "The Handmaid's Tale" were part of the first-ever African-American sweep of guest actor awards at the creative arts awards.

The main event Monday could advance inclusivity on-screen and off. Donald Glover, the star and creator of "Atlanta," won trophies last year for acting and directing and is a multiple nominee again, including for writing. □



# Former Colorado nuke site opens to public as wildlife refuge

By **DAN ELLIOTT**  
Associated Press

**DENVER (AP)**— Cyclists and hikers explored a newly opened wildlife refuge at the site of a former nuclear weapons plant in Colorado on Saturday, while a protester in a gas mask brought signs warning about the dangers of plutonium.

With no fanfare, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened the gates of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on the perimeter of a government factory that made plutonium triggers for nuclear bombs for nearly four decades.

Spread across a rolling, wind-swept plateau 16 miles (26 kilometers) northwest of downtown Denver, the refuge is a rare oasis of tallgrass prairie, with bears, elk, falcons, songbirds and hundreds of other species. The refuge offers sweeping panoramas of the Rocky Mountain foothills and Denver's skyscrapers.

"You get these incredible views," said Jerry Jacka, who spent two hours mountain biking at the refuge Saturday.

Jacka said he was not worried about his safety, despite lawsuits and protests by people who argued the government has not tested the refuge thoroughly enough to make sure people are safe using it.

"I don't believe that they're covering up any sort of information about pollutants and radioactive elements and stuff in the soil," Jacka said. The government built plutonium triggers at Rocky Flats from 1952 to 1989, a



**Stephen Parlato wears a gas mask next to his sign warning about the dangers of plutonium at Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge outside Denver on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, the first day the refuge was open to the public.**

history marred by fires, leaks and spills. The plant was shut down after a criminal investigation into environmental violations.

The U.S. Energy Department, which oversaw the plant, said it found 62 pounds (28 kilograms) of plutonium stuck in exhaust ducts of buildings.

Rockwell International, the contractor then operating the plant, was fined \$18.5 million after pleading guilty in 1992 to charges that included mishandling chemical and radioactive material.

The weapons complex covered 2 square miles (5 square kilometers) at the center of the site. It was cleaned up at a cost of \$7 billion but remains off-limits

to the public. The 8-square-mile (21-square-kilometer) buffer zone surrounding the manufacturing site was turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a refuge.

About 10 miles (16 kilometers) of trails are now open at the refuge. Visitors are told to stay on the paths and not wander the grasslands.

State and federal health officials say the site is safe, but some people worry that plutonium particles eluded the cleanup and could be sprinkled over the refuge, where hikers and cyclists

could stir them up or track them home. At least seven Denver-area school districts have barred school-sanctioned field trips to refuge. If inhaled, plutonium can lodge in lung tissue, where it can kill lung cells and cause scarring, which in turn can cause lung disease and cancer, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You have a situation where you still have plutonium in the soil being disturbed by the wildlife and the weather," said Stephen Parlato, his voice muffled

by the gas mask he wore at a refuge trailhead Saturday.

Parlato said the mask had a filter capable of blocking plutonium particles and that he wore it for protection, not for show.

"You even have school districts that have gone on the record to say they do not allow their students to come on trips here. This is an ongoing danger," he said.

Jon Simon, another cyclist who rode the refuge trails Saturday, said he doubted he would develop plutonium-related health problems in his lifetime, but worried that children might be vulnerable.

"I wouldn't want to walk my kid through here every day in the morning for our morning walk or something like that," he said. "But I'm old enough.... That's not what's going to get me."

The opening was in the works for months but was thrown into doubt Friday afternoon when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who oversees the Fish and Wildlife Service, said he wanted to wait for more information about safety.

An hour later, the Interior Department said a review was complete and the refuge would open.

Department spokeswoman Faith Vander Voort did not respond to an email seeking more information about the review. □



**A sign marks a trail on the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge outside Denver on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, the first day the refuge was open to the public.**

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**Jon Simon takes a break after about a 2-hour mountain bike ride at Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge outside Denver on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, the first day the refuge was open to the public.**

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